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LET US PLAY

As Scotland take on Switzerland, the Tartan Army have a simple message for Steve Clarke's troops

BY RYAN CARROLL

THIS Tartan Army fan has the right idea as Scotland prepare for their showdown against Switzerland tonight.

After the crushing disappointment of the 5-1 drubbing by Germany on Friday, Steve Clarke's men need all the help they can get for the clash in Cologne this evening.

Now, let us play.

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NICE TO SEE YOU Wilnelia, Lady Forsyth, looks elegant in blue dress

LOVE NOTES A hat designed around Love Hearts sweets

FASHION STAKES Punters dressed to impress

ON THE BALL Theo and Melanie Walcott look sharp

SHINING Kostantin Bodarenko (centre) with Anastasia and Nikita Tutus, from Ukraine

SWEET Vicky Pattison in cookie dress

GOOD MORNING Charlotte Hawkins and Mark Heyes

ROYAL WAVE King and Queen greet crowds

SUPPORT Lady Gabriella Windsor with Princess Anne and, left, Zara Tindall

Winners... by a head

Hats off to King & Queen at Ascot

BY **RUSSELL MYERS**

IT TAKES a lot to overshadow the King and Queen but some of these racegoers at Royal Ascot gave it their best shot yesterday.

Punters pulled out all the stops in stunning hats, summer dresses and smart suits as Charles and Camilla kicked off the five-day festival.

And the sun had its hat on too, as thousands flocked to the annual event.

The royal couple are hoping for a repeat of last year's luck, when their horse Desert Hero won the King George V Stakes, their first winner at the famous meeting as owners.

Writing jointly in the official programme, Charles and Camilla said: "It gave us immense pleasure and joy to witness Desert Hero's victory in the King George V Stakes last year. We wish all the participants this week the best of luck in seeking that unique thrill of a Royal Ascot winner."

The King's second cousin, Lady Gabriella Windsor, joined the royal carriage procession alongside Princess Anne and Zara Tindall, in her first official public appearance since the death of her husband, Thomas Kingston.

Wilnelia, Lady Forsyth – the widow of entertainer Sir Bruce – wore a striking light blue dress and matching fascinator, while reality TV star Vicky Pattison wore a green number, complete with a giant cookie.

Former Arsenal and England forward Theo Walcott was on the course with his wife, Melanie, and GMB presenter Charlotte Hawkins attended alongside fashion expert Mark Heyes.

The King and Queen are expected to attend several days of the event.

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Edinburgh, Fife & Borders
It is going to be partly cloudy but dry with some sun. Max 19C (66F). Winds W at 10-12mph. UV index: 4.

Dundee & Aberdeen
It is going to remain dry with spells of sunshine too. Max 19C (66F). Winds S at 7-9mph. UV index: 5.

Forth Valley
A dry day with sunny intervals and patchy cloud cover. Max 19C (66F). Winds W at 10-12mph. UV index: 4.

Inverness & Moray
Mainly dry and cloudy. Max 17C (63F). Winds SW at 12-14mph. UV index: 4.

Highlands & Islands
Outbreaks of drizzle or light rain expected at times. Max 14C (57F). Winds SW at 17-19mph. UV index: 4.

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SIR ROD

We'll teach Switzerland a footballing lesson ...

Music icon & Tartan Army stalwart is confident of a historic Scots victory

SING WHEN YER WINNIN' Rock star Rod Stewart

BY **JOHN DINGWALL** and **MARK WALKER**

SIR Rod Stewart has rallied the Tartan Army to get behind Steve Clarke's lads tonight in Scotland's do or die clash against Switzerland.

Captain Andy Robertson and his team are desperate to bounce back from Friday's catastrophic 5-1 opening game disaster against hosts Germany.

Now Rod, a long-term Tartan Army foot soldier, said he expects Steve Clarke's side to claim their first win of the tournament. The rocker said: "My tip for the game is we will teach Switzerland a footballing lesson. It would be great for me to go to the game, but I'm on tour and will be watching the games there.

"The Scottish football team has a big place in my heart.

"My father is actually the only real Scot in my family – my mother, my siblings and I were all born in England. But because my father has such a strong connection to Scottish football, we're all rooting for the team."

Legendary football commentator Archie Macpherson, 89, also believes that Scotland can qualify for the next round despite the result against hosts Germany in Friday's opening glamour tie in Munich.

He said: "I hope the Tartan Army realises that even defeat in the first game is not the end of the story because against Switzerland and Hungary, we certainly have a chance.

"I can't see that we should be quaking in our shoes about facing these two.

"The Tartan Army is absolutely vitally important for us in the way we follow the team.

"If they can understand and appreciate and just simply enjoy the fact that they are there where they are, playing

ROCKER'S TOURNAMENT BATTLE CRY

PRAY THE GAME Tartan Army footsoldier Chris Gibson, above, and fellow supporter Kyle Young, left. Pics by Ross Turpie

PATRIOTIC Legendary commentator Archie Macpherson draped in a Saltire, left

and rubbing shoulders with the greatest in the world, and take everything in their stride and remain cheery and optimistic, I think it'll do us good."

Archie has warned Scots against pessimism despite some of the past results Scotland have endured in major competitions.

He explained: "When I came back from the different World Cups and European championships over these 50 years, it was almost as if I was to blame as well.

"Sometimes they would say, you didn't qualify as if I was part of the team.

"It was a reminder to me about some of the misery that we'd experienced. But we also had marvellous games, we also played well in those games as witnessed with the Archie Gemmill goal in 1978 and, of course, the sickener minutes later when Johnny Rep scored that blinder in which he admitted to me two years later he had his eyes shut.

"He didn't know where the ball was going which really put us out of that World Cup in Argentina.

"I thought to myself, were the Scottish media to blame including me because I was a prominent voice in those days and a prominent writer.

"Was I playing it up too much, was I currying to the Scottish public in giving them what they wanted to hear rather than being realistic?

"I still question myself about that."

The 60,000 Scots in Cologne tonight are praying for a result in the crunch tie.

Chris Gibson, 48, from North East Tartan Army, took part in a bagpiper-led parade in the city in a sea of colour and noise.

> "I will pray and pray all day. I think as Scotland fans, we are always optimistic that we will win
> FAN KYLE YOUNG

Chris said: "The whole trip has been amazing. It's been a great experience. The Scotland fan in me wants to believe we can get a result tomorrow but it could go either way. If we get beat but we play our best, I won't mind."

Hopeful Fitness instructor Kyle Young, 30, from Glasgow, added: "I will pray and pray all day until we win. I think as a Scotland fan we are always optimistic. It's important that we turn up.

"We didn't turn up against Germany but there is a massive support behind us and it is going to be an exciting one regardless."

EURO2024



RIVER OF GOODWILL Tartan Army on boat cruise

THIS FLOATS OUR BOAT Supporters make light of poor weather conditions in Cologne

PICTURES: ROSS TURPIE

RHINE, WIND

Downpours can't dampen spirits as Tartan Army

BEER WE GO Kayleigh Watt

THE Tartan Army were forced to run for cover to nearby pubs after the Cologne fan zones were closed down by a torrential downpour yesterday.

But that didn't stop the Scots fans partyting and praying we can reignite our Euro campaign by beating Switzerland tonight.

Most of the 60,000 strong Scottish contingent had hoped to watch

BY **RYAN CARROLL**
in Cologne with the Tartan Army

yesterday's Euro 2024 matches on the big screens in the city centre.

But with thunder and lighting forecast, the two fan zones in the city in the Heumarket and Tanzbrunnen areas were forced to close their doors.

Fan Dylan Mya, a scaffolder from Edinburgh, said: "It's a bit of a shocker that these zones are going to be closed.

"There is a danger to life weather warning, so I guess it's a case of 'safety first'.

"Mind you, it's going to be a job finding a bar that's not rammed. The publicans of Cologne will be the big winners."

Steven Forbes, a plumber from Aberdeen, took shelter in the city centre Corkonian Irish pub.

The 53-year-old said: "We're not letting the weather affect our day too much.

"We've got tickets for the game tomorrow and we're praying for a win. We're always better in the second game so I think we can do it."

Steven Malcher, an IT consultant from Paisley, said: "We're having a good time but we are just watching the weather to see what happens.

"It's just been a race to the pub with everyone trying to get a seat before the storm comes.

"We're just going to batten down the hatches and drink beer all day.

"We're just here to enjoy ourselves now. If Scotland get anything it will be a bit of

COLOGNE SCOTS PLAY A STORMER

“It's going to be a job finding a bar that's not rammed. Publicans will be the big winners.”

DYLAN MYA PLANS DAY WITH FELLOW FANS

BEAUTIFUL GAME Fans play in square and, above, shelter in beer gardens

OR SHINE

drink pubs dry to shelter from rain in Germany

a miracle.” Gillian Rae, who works for a holiday company, is in Germany with her dad Ian, 71, a retired head teacher from Dundee.

The 36-year-old said: “We're used to the rain anyway, being from Scotland. We've got a chance tomorrow. I think we'll still get out the group.”

Kayleigh Watt, a contract manager from Dalkeith, has been left battling it out with her husband George for their one ticket for tomorrow's crunch match. The 39-year old said: “We've just been enjoying the pubs in the market here.

“The atmosphere has been absolutely amazing. We've not really needed to go into the fan zone because we've had the bagpipes and everybody singing here. It's just been electric.

“Me and my husband only have one ticket between us so we need to find one more – he's not going if I'm not going!”

Not everyone was on the beers, though. Ruaridh Davidson, 30, a financial analyst from Edinburgh, and Chris Campbell, 50, a property director, also from the capital, were enjoying a cycle tour of Cologne when they were approached by the Record.

Chris said: “It's been great fun – a great way to explore the city.

“So long as the game is on that's all that matters. I think we're going to win 2-1.”

Jeff Sinton, 56, from Edinburgh, added: “It is Scottish weather after all, so maybe it's a good omen. Yes, we had the sunshine but this makes it feel like home. I just hope the big march goes ahead before the game – they are expecting 20,000 to take part.”

An improved forecast for today means further closures before the crunch clash look unlikely.

Yesterday, the ferry service linking fan sites on either side of the Rhine was also halted because of the conditions.

A spokesman for the City of Cologne local government said: “Due to an official storm warning from late morning with expected heavy rain, all events and functions of the host city Cologne associated with the European Championships have to be cancelled for today.”

Ryan Carroll's Euros diary



A LITTLE bit of rain was never going to stop the Tartan Army party in Cologne.

As the fan zones shut due to a weather warning yesterday, fans piled into the pubs and ducked for cover.

It was a bit of an anti-climax really, as despite some early heavy rain, the so-called “storm” never really materialised in the afternoon.

It was grey and muggy in the city but the total shutdown did seem a bit over the top.

Nevertheless, the Scots are well-versed when it comes to miserable weather and those we joined at the Alter Markt knew exactly what to do – race down to the closest boozer to secure a table as early as possible, and set up camp for the day.

Elsewhere, we linked up with the North East Tartan Army as they headed out on a booze cruise down the Rhine, and that was some experience. Over 100 of the pals had met up for the trip and, despite early concerns, they were delighted the weather didn't put an end to those plans.

One of my favourite moments of the day was waving off little Loui Whyte as he headed down the river with the barmy lads.

It was the 11-month-old youngster from Peterhead's first party boat experience – and with those absolute characters around him bringing him up, I doubt it will be his last.

Fans in tribute after tragic loss of popular Colin

BY **RORY CASSIDY**

A TARTAN Army fan has died in his sleep during a trip to Germany for Euro 2024.

Colin King, from Blantyre, Lanarkshire, passed away after a day of exploring the city of Dusseldorf. Tributes have poured in for the 57-year-old after news of his death was revealed on Facebook by his nephew, Christopher O'Rourke.

He wrote on The Tartan Army Group: “After the dream of qualification became a reality, and the scramble for tickets and flights, after the disaster that was the opening match, it all feels so unimportant now.

“It's with a broken heart and tears streaming down my face I am reporting the loss of our fellow Tartan Army footsoldier Colin King.

“He attended the match on Friday and met up with us in Dusseldorf on Saturday, spent Sunday enjoying the city and went to bed in the wee hours of the morning but tragically never woke up Monday.

“He was many things to different people, a father, a husband, a brother, a friend, a colleague, a boss to many but to me he was my uncle Colin, always on the wind up.”



DIED IN SLEEP Colin King

Scotland fans were quick to pay their respects to their fellow fan.

Hugh Paton wrote: “My sincere condolences to Colin's family. I'm sitting here having breakfast before travelling through to Cologne and devastated and very much in disbelief hearing this sad news.

“Colin was a work colleague and friend for many years and one of the genuine good guys... RIP mate.”

Andrea Maxwell - McMaster added: “Absolutely heartbreaking. RIP Colin King, you are all in our heart and thoughts.”



Homelessness is a real danger

THE Scottish Government must take action to tackle soaring rents.

Far too many tenants are facing extortionate rises, with many on the brink of homelessness as a result.

A rent cap introduced during the Covid lockdown was intended to help those struggling with housing costs.

The problem is, when it was dropped, demand for rental properties was off the scale and rents increased as a result.

Today, we tell the stories of some of those affected.

Wojciech Lazlak faced an increase from £650 to £1000 a month on his flat on the southside of Glasgow.

Alaina Paterson, from Edinburgh, saw her monthly bill for her and a flatmate rise from £1750 to £2250.

These increases are unsustainable.

People who live and work in our big cities should be able to do so at a reasonable cost.

Of course, much of the blame rests with this rotten Tory Government.

Mortgage rates soared after Liz Truss' mini-budget and have stayed their since.

That has a crippling knock-on effect on rents.

But at the root of this crisis is a lack of decent affordable housing.

The Scottish Government has declared a housing emergency.

But there needs to be a plan to massively expand social housing.

Holyrood's housing emergency will not be worth the paper it is written on if nothing is done to make more homes available.

It was a terrible decision by the SNP Government to slash the money for affordable housing in December's budget.

Clearly, we need more houses and the lack of them is helping drive prices up.

In the meantime, the Scottish Government should bring back the rent cap which was scrapped in April.

The alternative will be a sickening explosion in the homeless population.

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Give fans cheer

TONIGHT is do-or-die for Scotland's Euro hopes as we take on Switzerland.

Fans back home and in Cologne are hoping beyond hope we can make it a night to remember.

It's fair to say our optimism took a knock after the insipid display against Germany in the tournament opener.

But the Tartan Army are not going to let that get in the way of their support for Steve Clarke and his lads.

Across Scotland and in Cologne, the whole country is willing us to win.

Our fans have been world-class during this tournament, with police and local authorities full of praise in Munich and Cologne.

If there was a Euros for fans, we'd be runaway winners. The Tartan Army have given everything.

Now it's time for Andy Robertson, John McGinn and the rest of this talented Scotland team to do the same.

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MEMORABLE Bubble, Saffy, Edina, Mother & Patsy in 2011

Break out the Bolly for some Ab Fab gab

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

SWEETIE darlings... don't they all look Absolutely Fabulous!

The Ab Fab cast reunited for a one-off special looking back at the much-loved sitcom set in the world of fashion and PR. The two-hour UKTV show is the first time Jane Horrocks (Bubble), Joanna Lumley (Patsy), Jennifer Saunders (Eddie), and Julia Sawalha (her daughter Saffy) have been in the same room since 2016.

It promises to be a treat for fans and will pay tribute to June Whitfield (Eddie's mum) who died in 2018.

Lumley said: "It was a fabulous wander down memory lane by actresses who only have the faintest grip on reality."

BLOOD TEST BOOST FOR PARKINSON'S

AI could help predict disease seven years before symptoms appear



HOPE Blood test for Parkinson's

A SIMPLE blood test could predict Parkinson's disease seven years before symptoms appear, a study suggests.

Researchers believe early prediction and diagnosis would help in finding treatments that could slow or stop Parkinson's.

The test uses artificial intelligence to predict the disease, which is caused by the death of nerve cells in the part of the brain that controls movement.

When these cells die or become impaired, they lose the ability to create a chemical called dopamine.

If properly funded, it is estimated the test could be used by the NHS within two years. Author Professor

BY **MARTIN BAGOT**

Kevin Mills, of University College London's Great Ormond Street Institute of Child Health, said: "As new therapies become available to treat Parkinson's, we need to diagnose patients before they have developed the symptoms. We cannot regrow our brain cells and therefore we need to protect those that we have."

People with Parkinson's are treated with dopamine replacement therapy after they have already developed symptoms, such as tremors or slowness of movement.

It is thought that early diagnosis and treatment would help protect the dopamine-producing brain cells.

Professor David Dexter, director of research at Parkinson's UK, said: "Finding biological markers that can be identified and measured in the blood is much less invasive than a lumbar puncture, which is being used more and more in clinical research."

A lumbar puncture involves tapping and sampling spinal fluid.

The research found that when a machine-learning programme analysed a panel of eight blood-based biomarkers whose concentrations are altered in patients with Parkinson's, it could provide a diagnosis with 100 per cent accuracy.

One in 37 people alive today in the UK will be diagnosed with Parkinson's in their lifetime.



FRONTING UP Cat Deeley

Cat apology after seizure joke gaffe

BY **JESS PHILLIPS**

CAT Deeley has been forced to offer an apology on This Morning after offending viewers with an epilepsy comment.

The ITV daytime show host was joined by Ben Shephard yesterday when she paused the show to say sorry for causing offence with the joke.

Things got out of hand when Cat and Ben prepared to interview singer Meghan Trainor on Monday.

Cat was dancing along to Meghan's hit All About That Bass as she told Ben: "Nothing to see here." He quizzed her: "Are you all right?" as Cat replied: "Yeah, I'm just having a seizure." Ben giggled with her as both introduced the interview with Meghan.

The Epilepsy Society had tweeted: "Seizures are no laughing matter."



SCARED Fern Britton

Restraining order for Fern stalker

BY **DAN WARBURTON**

A STALKER obsessed with Fern Britton has been handed a 10-year restraining order after he drove 200 miles to stay in her holiday cottage in the village where she lived.

James Haviland, 63, of Basingstoke, Hampshire, tracked down the TV favourite in a "disturbing and scary" campaign.

He admitted stalking her for two years.

Last September, Haviland spent a week renting the holiday cottage she owns and tried to book again in November before being reported to police.

He was handed a 12-month community order.

He also has to do 150 hours of unpaid work and was told to pay a £114 victim surcharge and £85 court costs.

REBUS ROCKS

Author and lead actor delighted as prequel racks up 10m views



YOUNG REBUS Richard Rebus as young DS

BY **STUART MACDONALD**

THE rebooted TV version of Sir Ian Rankin's Rebus novels has clocked up more than 10 million views on BBC iPlayer since it launched.

The BBC has revealed the six-part series about the fictional detective, which is set in Edinburgh and Fife, has been a ratings hit with viewers.

Scots actor Richard Rankin – no relation to the writer – plays the DS in the show which reimagines the detective as a younger man, drawn into a violent criminal conflict that turns personal.

John Hannah and Ken Stott have previously taken on the role in TV versions of the novels.

> **"Thanks to all those who have spread the word**
>
> RICHARD RANKIN ON THE SHOW'S SUCCESS

All episodes of the new series, written by Scots playwright Gregory Burke, were made available on iPlayer when it started airing on the BBC Scotland channel last month.

It has had more than 10 million streams on the service in just under a month.

Actor Rankin, 41, said: "Incredible news! Thanks to everyone who has got involved and watched and for all those of you who have spread the word."

Bestselling author Rankin described the viewing figures as "nice" and has urged the BBC to green-light a second series.

Katy's robotic charm

KATY Perry has proved a master of reinvention over the years and she turned half-woman, half-robot for her first single in two years.

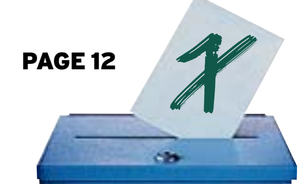
The 39-year-old Californian releases single Woman's World next month.

FRY ON BIG C

STEPHEN Fry and Eric Idle are among a number of male celebrities who will share their cancer experiences on BBC Radio 4 podcast Jon Holmes Says The C-Word.

Fry, 66, revealed he had surgery for prostate cancer. Idle, 81, "survived" pancreatic cancer after early diagnosis.


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ELECTION 2024 FM SICKENED BY IDEA OF FARAGE AS PM MAKES ME ILL



COMPLAINT Nigel Farage

Reform to get spot on Beeb QT special

BY SOPHIE WINGATE

THE BBC will allow Reform UK to take part in an extra Question Time leaders' special after Nigel Farage complained about being excluded from the programme.

Farage had demanded a spot on the BBC's four-way leaders' debate panel, which Fiona Bruce hosts tomorrow.

The two-hour programme is set to feature the leaders of Britain's four largest political parties – the Tories, Labour, SNP and Lib Dems.

The Reform UK leader last week said the broadcaster should feature him in the line-up after an opinion poll put his party ahead of the Conservatives.

On Tuesday, the BBC announced it will add a Question Time leaders' special featuring representatives from Reform UK and the Green Party, to be broadcast on June 28 with Bruce as host.

Meanwhile, a high-profile Panorama interview with Farage has been rescheduled for 7pm on Friday.

The grilling by journalist Nick Robinson was originally planned for last week but the BBC said it had been "postponed for logistical reasons".

It came after Reform was embroiled in a row following a claim by one of its candidates that Britain should have "taken Hitler up on his offer of neutrality".

The BBC said: "This added programme, and the changed peak-time scheduling slot for the Panorama interview, reflects the fact it is clear from across a broad range of opinion polls that the support for Reform UK has been growing.

"As a public service broadcaster, the BBC recognises that the policies and proposals of the party deserve scrutiny at a time convenient for mass audiences."





First Minister John Swinney took time out from campaigning in Oban yesterday to speak to Record Political Editor Paul Hutcheon

EXCLUSIVE

JOHN Swinney fears Nigel Farage will lead the Tories one day and could become prime minister – saying the thought of it "makes me ill".

The SNP leader sounded the alarm over the "deeply troubling" rise of the right-wing Reform Party chief – whose party is polling ahead of the Tories.

In an exclusive interview with the Daily Record ahead of the SNP's General Eleciton manifesto launch today, Swinney revealed he would never campaign with former SNP leader Alex Salmond again.

And in a sign of future co-operation with a UK Labour government, he revealed his party will support Labour plans for VAT on private school fees.

But it is the potential rise of Farage as a major player in UK politics that sickens the First Minister.

Asked if Farage could become Tory leader by rejoining his old party, Swinney said: "Yes, I think there is every possibility. I might even go as far as to say 'likelihood' that might be the case.

"I don't recognise the Conservative Party."

He added: "The Conservative Party is just drifting itself into a position where, actually, it is really quite at ease with the arguments of Nigel Farage."

Asked if he could see Farage becoming PM if a Labour government fails to deliver, he said: "It's a possibility."

Swinney, a party veteran who took over as First Minister from Humza Yousaf, also spoke about the continuing rift in the independence movement between the SNP and Alex Salmond's Alba Party.

Asked how he feels about a man he worked with for decades, Swinney replied "distant" after a long pause.

He was also asked if he would ever campaign again with Salmond. "No," he replied. "Because I feel very distant from who he is."

Swinney returned to one of his main themes of the General Election, accusing Labour of planning "significant" spending cuts if they win power.

But he said he is hopeful there could be a renewed relationship between Edinburgh and London if Starmer wins, adding: "I hope so. I would signal the willingness of the Scottish Government to work constructively with the UK Government."

One of the things he wants is for employment legislation to be devolved straight away. Labour plans to beef up workers' rights but Swinney wants the powers devolved.

He said this would lead to the SNP government ending anti-strike laws, enhancing the living wage, increasing sick pay and tightening fire and rehire rules.

One immediate area of cooperation could be the Labour plan for VAT on private school fees.

Under the Labour proposal, 20 per cent VAT would be imposed on school fees and the £1.5billion revenues ploughed into state schools. About £150million would be redirected to Holyrood, which Labour says should be spent on schools north of the Border.

Private schools have claimed the move will lead to pupils leaving the sector and burdening comprehensives.

But Labour have denied class sizes will rise and point to research which points to falling school rolls.

Swinney, who is pitching to the left of Labour in the General Election, backs the policy and insists his MPs would vote for it.

He said: "I am sympathetic to the points they bring forward on VAT and private schools. I understand where they are coming from."

Despite talk about resetting relations, Swinney said his top priority in the event of a Labour government would be a deal on IndyRef2, with independence still central to the SNP's election offering.

He said: "What I want is for the mandate that's been secured in the Scottish Parliament for there to be a second independence referendum to be accepted."

Polls show Labour on course for first place in Scotland and for the SNP to lose about 20

RISE OF RIGHT-WING PARTY LEADER



seats. Asked if his so-called mandate would be invalidated by a really bad result, he said: "No, it wouldn't, because that exists. That is the will of the Scottish Parliament."

The recent troubles over the departure of predecessors Nicola Sturgeon and Humza Yousaf have not resulted in a collapse in the SNP vote.

But polling in Scotland has Labour and the SNP vying for first place. Latest polling from YouGov puts Labour on 34 per cent, down from 39 per cent from the last YouGov poll last month. Swinney's SNP remains on 30 per cent, while the Scottish Conservatives are on 12 per cent. The Lib Dems remain on eight per cent while support for Reform has risen from four per cent to seven per cent, with Nigel Farage's return having an impact.

The Scottish Greens are in line to win six per cent of the vote, according to the polls. The latest YouGov poll also shows the constitution is a motivation for just 29 per cent of voters.

But the FM insists he is confident of retaining first place in Scotland in terms of seats and share of the vote. He said: "I think the SNP has been through a rough time, to be blunt. What's encouraging about the situation we find ourselves in the polls is that the position is improving."

> **I would signal the willingness to work with the UK Government**
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> **SWINNEY** ON RELATIONSHIP WITH LONDON

FLOATS YOUR VOTE Swinney talks with Paul Hutcheon, above. Main, the First Minister on his visit to Oban

Labour can't fail or Farage will win

ANALYSIS
PAUL HUTCHEON

VOTERS in every part of the UK will be cheering the inevitable humiliation of the Tories on July 4.

Polls show the unpopularity of the Government and the rise of Nigel Farage's Reform Party dovetailing to reduce Sunak's party to a rump.

But the demise of the Tories will also include the seeds of a grisly and appalling realignment of the Right.

With Farage almost certain to be elected in Clacton, calls will grow for him to head a merger of the Tories and Reform.

If he secures enough support to get on the ballot of party members, his brand of anti-immigration populism will almost certainly see him win.

He would become Nigel Farage, Leader of the Opposition, plunging the UK into acute danger.

Some socially liberal Tories would leave for the Lib Dems or Labour, but a Farage-led Conservative Party would become a magnet for the aggrieved and angry.

> **Farage-led Tory party would be a magnet for the angry**
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> **PAUL HUTCHEON** ON THREAT OF RIGHT-WING

He would talk of halting immigration, demand the UK pull out of the ECHR and say nice things about Putin.

Failure by a Labour government to turn the country around would give Farage a decent chance of succeeding Starmer.

If this sounds far-fetched, look at what has happened to America since 2016.

Donald Trump was considered a joke by voters until he weaponised race and immigration to his advantage.

He ripped through establishment Republicans in the presidential primaries and used his coalition of deplorables to defeat Hillary Clinton.

He has ignored traditional right wing bug bears like welfare – a key element of the Trump base claims social security – and instead focuses on culture wars.

Trump is now the undisputed leader of the Republicans and Farage is studying his playbook.

A Farage takeover would also be a nightmare for anyone who cares about the Union.

Turning the Tories into a vehicle for English nationalism would be a gift for the SNP.

Farage's depressing rise is another reason why a Labour Government cannot fail.



CARRY ON CAMPAIGN

ParTay-Tay line





SCOTTISH Labour's Ian Murray welcomed members to the "home of Taylor Swift" as they gathered at Murrayfield.

But the Tay-Tay theme didn't end there.

The party also handed out friendship bracelets emblazoned with "change", similar to the trinkets worn by Swifties when the pop megastar played three sold-out nights at the Edinburgh stadium.

Humza's old haunt

THE function suite used by Labour at Murrayfield is a reminder of the how quickly things can change in politics.

Less than 18 months ago, it hosted the announcement of the SNP leadership contest, where Humza Yousaf narrowly defeated Kate Forbes.

GONE Yousaf

Little lost sheep Rishi

RISHI Sunak was in Devon struggling to feed sheep.

"Come on," pleaded sorry Sunak as the flock ran to the other side of the pen.

"They don't want to play ball," said a farmer.

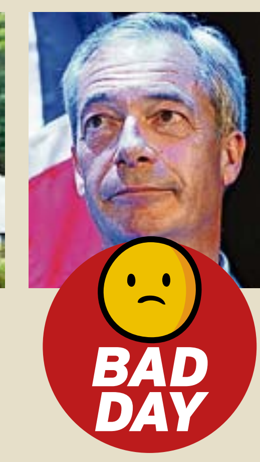
Things go from baaa-d to worse for this torrid Tory PM.

PENNED IN Sunak



GOOD DAY

ANAS SARWAR
SCOTTISH Labour increased its list of target seats to 36 seats after only having 26 earlier this year.



BAD DAY

NIGEL FARAGE
THE Reform leader had his website redirected to a YouTube video of Kelis' Milkshake and Ed Balls tore him apart on GMB.

Quote of the day

I want every single child, whether they go to private or state school, to have the same opportunities. It really matters to me.



KEIR STARMER ON LABOUR REMOVING THE VAT TAX BREAK FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS

LABOUR'S TWO-STEP PLAN FOR SCOTTISH SUCCESS

Leader rules out income tax hike for Scots and vows to abolish two-child cap when time is right

BY **CHRIS McCALL**
Deputy Political Editor

ANAS Sarwar has ruled out income tax rises if Scottish Labour wins the next Holyrood election in 2026.

The MSP made the ambitious pledge to voters as his party starts to look beyond the UK general election on July 4.

Launching the Scottish Labour manifesto in Edinburgh yesterday, Sarwar described change north of the Border as a "two-stage process" which involved the removal of the Tories at Westminster and the SNP at Holyrood.

But he could not offer a firm date for when the two-child cap on benefits would be scrapped, despite insisting his party was still opposed to the cruel Tory policy.

The manifesto also outlined Scottish Labour would shake-up the laws governing football to allow "fans to have a greater say" in the way the sport is run.

Speaking to party members and candidates, Sarwar said: "The manifesto we have published reflects much of what the UK Labour manifesto outlined last week, demonstrating what a UK Labour government will deliver in office.

"But we know change for Scotland is a two-stage process, it begins in just 17 days when we can finally get rid of this lying, corrupt, incompetent Tory Government – but that is just the start. In 2026, we need a change of direction at Holyrood as much as one at Westminster today.

"The SNP has failed the people of Scotland – breaking our NHS, ruining our once world-leading education system and tarnishing our politics by wasting and misusing your money."

The manifesto repeated the party pledge to deliver a "new child poverty strategy" but made no specific commitment to abolish the two-child cap on benefits.

Asked if his party remained opposed to the policy, Sarwar said: "The short answer is yes. We were right to oppose the two-child limit, we were right to vote against the two-child limit."

But he added: "The honest reality is, after 14 years of Tory economic carnage, we will not be able to do everything we want to do as fast as we want to do."

Sarwar continued: "We have worked really hard to only include in our manifesto promises we know we can keep and pledges we can spend money on right now, that our country can afford.

"As Keir Starmer made clear, and as I have, once the financial circumstances allow, we want to move on the two-child limit and we want to move in terms of reforming Universal Credit.

"This document we are publishing today is our first steps for change. We want to go further than this. But we only do that if we deliver a strong green economy and move on from the incoherence and incompetence of a Tory government that has done so much damage to our country."

Sarwar later ruled out income tax hikes if the party won power at Holyrood in two years' time.

The Scottish Government has

GETTING RID OF THE TORIES.. AND NATS

TURN A NEW PAGE
Anas Sarwar unveils the Scottish Labour manifesto in Edinburgh

FIVE KEY THINGS

FOOTBALL REGULATOR

THE document pledged to consult on the need for an independent football regulator for Scotland.

It said Scottish Labour "wants to see fans have a greater say in the way football is run".

The UK Government had similar plans for English and Welsh football. The main aims of the UK regulator was to make sure clubs are financially stable and that money is properly distributed throughout the pyramid.

The Scottish Labour manifesto said: "Scottish Labour wants to see fans have a greater say in the way football is run and we would consult on the issue of football governance and the need for an independent regulator for Scottish football."

NHS APPOINTMENTS

THE Scottish Labour manifesto said that extra UK Government investment in the NHS will "deliver millions every year in health-related funding for Scotland."

It said this money will be enough to fund 160,000 more appointments in Scotland every year "by operating additional clinics and theatre procedures in the evenings and weekends."

It also said this would "help to cut waiting lists, drive down waiting times, and reduce the need for patients to pay out of their own pocket for private care.".



JOBS

THE manifesto committed to create 69,000 Scottish jobs and these will be in "Scotland's clean energy industries".

It also said Scottish Labour would create more opportunities for young people by "improving access to apprenticeships" and "supporting first-time buyers".

This will include "sector-specific clearing systems so that people can find roles more easily and good candidates do not drop out of the system and miss out on opportunities."

It added: "Scottish Labour will also work with colleges, training providers and businesses to explore options for more 'modular' apprenticeships that can be moulded to fit the need of individuals and businesses."

GB ENERGY

NOT new but plan is for a publicly owned energy company – GB Energy – headquartered here. It "will be owned by the taxpayer and deliver power back to the public" and be given £8.3billion investment.

It said: "Scotland will be the powerhouse of our clean energy mission, with GB Energy headquartered here so it can harness the expertise and experience of Scotland's world-renowned energy industry."

NEW DEAL FOR WORKING PEOPLE

A NEW Deal for Working People includes a ban on "exploitative zero-hour contracts", a pledge to "deliver a genuine living wage for 200,000 Scots" and to "remove discriminatory age bands, so all adults are entitled to the same minimum wage."

It will also end fire and rehire and introduce basic rights of parental leave, sick pay and protection from unfair dismissal on the first day of a job.

raised income tax for higher earners in recent years after powers over the levy were devolved in 2017.

It means Scots earning £29,000 or above pay more tax than workers living elsewhere in the country.

The SNP has argued the tax hikes are progressive as they protect spending on services at a time of pressure on the public purse.

But Sarwar blasted income tax hikes and pointed to his party's support for a continuing windfall tax on North Sea oil profits – a policy criticised by the Nationalists.

"John Swinney needs to look voters in the eye and explain why he believes they should pay more tax, and why they should continue to pay huge energy bills while letting the oil and gas giants off scot-free," he said.

"So in just 17 days you can vote for more jobs and lower bills. That is just another reason we need to make sure that we get rid of the Tories."

Tommy Sheppard, SNP candidate for Edinburgh East, said: "The word may be on the front cover and plastered on the side of a campaign bus but if there's one thing this manifesto makes clear, it's that Labour offers no real change at all.

"It is a manifesto that doubles down on the silence of the Labour Party on the £18billion of cuts we know Keir Starmer is planning.

"This copy-paste job reminds us of how little influence the branch office has, because even when it differs from the version produced by their London bosses', we know Scottish Labour MPs will always take their marching orders from whips in Westminster."

Battle for Holyrood starts here

ANALYSIS
CHRIS McCALL

THERE'S more than two weeks of the campaign left but Labour has already kicked off its campaign for the next big poll.

Many voters will still be undecided on how they'll vote on July 4. But Anas Sarwar wants you to start thinking about who you'll support at the Holyrood election in 2026.

This is the "two-stage process" the Scottish Labour leader described yesterday.

Booting the Tories out at Westminster is only half the job, Sarwar argued.

His party wants change at Holyrood as well, where the SNP has been in power since 2007.

Two of the introductory speakers at the manifesto launch described how they could not remember a time when the Nationalists were not running the Scottish Government.

By the time voters go to the polls in two years' time, the SNP will have been in power for 19 years.

The single word on the Labour's manifesto cover is one that will be repeated endlessly between now and 2026 – change.

In some ways, Sarwar's task in winning back control at Holyrood is even harder than Keir Starmer's path to Downing Street.

The SNP has endured a miserable time since Nicola Sturgeon quit last year.

But its membership numbers still far outstrip any other Scottish party.

The Nats can boast a highly organised base of activists. Labour, in comparison, saw many of its most experienced campaigners drift away during its wilderness years.

That's one reason why Sarwar is starting his Holyrood campaign now. His movement is still rebuilding.

A Labour election win on July 4 will give the party its biggest confidence boost in more than a decade.

Scots are keen for change at Westminster. But are enough of them convinced the same is required in Edinburgh? Labour has two years to convince them.

Driver dies in van crash

A MAN has died and two others have been injured in a road crash.

The accident, involving a white Renault Trafic van, happened on the A941 Fogwatt to Elgin road near Longmorn in Moray at 7.55pm on Monday.

Police said the 32-year-old male driver was pronounced dead at the scene. Two male passengers in the van, aged 27 and 38, were taken to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary where their condition was described as serious but stable.

Rewilding jobs boost

REWILDING in Scotland has sparked a 400 per cent rise in jobs, research shows.

Rewilding Britain findings show 35 jobs have been created at one site in the Highlands since 2008.

There has been a 412 per cent increase in jobs at 13 major rewilding projects.

Kevin Cumming, director of the Scottish Rewilding Alliance, said: "This is yet another powerful illustration of why the Scottish Government should declare Scotland a rewilding nation."



£200M BOTTLES DEPOSIT BATTLE

Waste firm suing Government over scrapped scheme

UNDER FIRE Lorna Slater

BY JAMES MULHOLLAND

A WASTE firm is suing the Scottish Government for £200million after spending a fortune preparing for the scrapped bottle deposit scheme.

Biffa Waste Services Ltd is going to Scotland's highest civil court because it believes the Holyrood government is responsible for it suffering a £150million loss.

The firm believes the Scottish Government misrepresented the scheme when it assured Biffa it would go ahead. It is said to have relied on personal assurances from Green Party co-leader Lorna Slater as a reason to invest £55million in vehicles and equipment to prepare for the DRS, before she scrapped it in June 2023.



DITCHED The bottle plan was tossed out in June last year

Scotland's DRS was ditched after the UK Government declined a request for full exclusion from the Internal Market Act, which meant Scotland could not include glass in the scheme.

Slater served as minister for green skills, circular economy and biodiversity in the government from 2021 to 2024.

A spokesperson for Biffa said: "Having carefully reviewed our position with our advisors, we can confirm that we are taking legal action to seek appropriate compensation for the losses Biffa has incurred."

A Scottish Government spokesperson said: "The Scottish Government cannot comment on ongoing litigation."

The case was continued to a later date.



VLAD BOYS Putin and Kim

Despots Kim and Putin in war summit

BY **TIM HANLON**

VLADIMIR Putin met Kim Jong Un yesterday to thank him personally for North Korea's support of Russia's war on Ukraine.

The despots also vowed to combat US-led sanctions against them and to develop independent trade and payment systems.

Kim is said to be supplying Russia with munitions, in breach of UN Security Council sanctions. Moscow is thought to be giving Pyongyang economic aid and technology that the West fears could boost Kim's nuclear weapons programme.

Putin and Kim both deny the accusations.

US National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said: "We know North Korean ballistic missiles are still being used to hit Ukrainian targets."



CLAIMS Paula Vennells

Boss Vennells 'got in way of Horizon truth'

BY **DAN WARBURTON**

EX-Post Office chief Paula Vennells tried to divert investigators from probing miscarriages of justice, an inquiry heard yesterday.

Forensic accountant Ian Harrison said the Post Office was constantly sabotaging his work.

He and his Second Sight colleague Ron Warmington examined the Horizon system in 2012 but were sacked in 2015.

Harrison said: "I felt we were dealing with a cover-up and possibly a criminal conspiracy. Paula Vennells frequently and consistently tried to steer Second Sight away from investigating potential miscarriages of justice."

Hundreds of sub-postmasters were wrongly convicted of theft over the faulty IT system. The London inquiry continues.

Little Minx in shout out to my Mercs

JESY Nelson knows how to spoil herself as she celebrates turning 33 in lavish style.

The former Little Mix member and Shout Out To My Ex singer got cosy with beau Zion Foster, who is nine years her junior.

And she shared saucy snaps with 9.8million Insta followers, including stripping down to her bikini to dip in a hot tub.

In the caption, she wrote: "33 and thriving."

And revving too by the looks of this picture, top, of the pop star behind the wheel of a customised Mercedes G63.

One fan gushed: "She is back and looking better than ever."

TIMBERLAKE HELD FOR 'DRIVING INTOXICATED'

Singer tells cops: I had one martini

BY **CHRISTOPHER BUCKTIN**

SINGER Justin Timberlake has appeared in court charged with driving while intoxicated in wealthy New Yorkers' favourite seaside town.

The 43-year-old star looked dishevelled as he left the hearing with his lawyer yesterday.

He had been to dinner at The American Hotel in Sag Harbor, a coastal town in The Hamptons, before he was pulled over by police in his BMW in the early hours.

STAR Timberlake at court yesterday

According to the criminal complaint, Timberlake told police: "I had one martini and followed my friends home."

He then apparently refused a breath test.

The report said: "His eyes were bloodshot and glassy, a strong odour of an alcoholic beverage was emanating from his breath.

"He had slowed speech, he was unsteady afoot and he performed poorly on all standardised field sobriety tests."

Timberlake, who is married to actress Jessica Biel and has two children, was put in handcuffs and taken to the local police station, where officers asked him to take a blood-alcohol content test. He allegedly told them: "No, I'm not doing a chemical test."

About 15 minutes later, he was asked a second time to take a breathalyser test. But, according to the criminal complaint, he said: "I refuse."

A third try about 10 minutes later was apparently met with the same response.

Timberlake was held in a cell and later appeared at Sag Harbor Village Justice Court. He was released without bail, charged with driving while intoxicated and cited for running a stop sign and failing to keep in his lane. He is scheduled to appear in court on July 26.

Immigration lifeline in US

JOE Biden plans to offer a path to US citizenship to more than half a million undocumented migrants.

People married to Americans will be able to apply for permanent residency, a first step to citizenship.

The president's offer only applies to immigrants who by Monday had been in the US for 10 years.

About 50,000 children of a migrant parent could potentially qualify for the process, according to White House sources.

Hunting led to rhino end

HUMAN hunters helped drive woolly rhinos to extinction about 12,000 years ago, a study claims.

Surviving groups of the horned beasts became trapped in unsuitable habitats, leading to the species being wiped out, say scientists.

Professor Damien Fordham, of the University of Adelaide, Australia, said: "The study reveals the progress of megafaunal extinction and could aid conservation efforts for threatened large animals."

HAULAGE CHIEF'S TURBINE SWINDLE

LORRY RACKET BOSS IS JAILED

Crook overcharged energy firm for cop escorts

BY **DAVID MEIKLE**

A HAULAGE boss who overcharged a green energy firm £110,000 in a police escort fraud has been jailed for 16 months.

James Campbell, 51, transported wind turbines and held lucrative contracts linked to transport in mining, civil engineering and construction.

Renewables firm Siemens Gamesa entered into an agreement for his business West of Scotland Heavy Haulage (WSHH) to move wind farm components to sites in Scotland and Wales.

Spain-based Siemens Gamesa agreed terms for official escorts but with fixed prices for police involvement.

WSHH, based in Cumbernauld, ceased trading in 2017 but a probe found it altered invoices between May 2016 and August the following year, and overcharged for escorts provided by the Scottish Police Authority and South Wales Police.

Workers in Spain reported Campbell, who was arrested and charged.

Campbell, of Bearsden, near Glasgow, appeared at Airdrie Sheriff Court and admitted obtaining £110,000 by fraud.

Sheriff Paul Haran said there was no alternative to prison and also banned him from being a company director for five years.

As well as fiddling invoices to inflate the price of police escorts, Campbell sometimes billed Siemens Gamesa on occasions when no escorts were involved.

His home and business were raided by officers in September 2017 and a "number of fraudulently inflated SPA invoices" were recovered from his business premises along with genuine ones.

Text messages were found in which Campbell discussed altering SPA invoices before sending them to Siemens.

Sheriff Haran said: "The custody threshold has clearly been reached."

Former WSHH transport manager Edward Bruce, 31, had his not guilty plea accepted.



ILLEGAL HAUL James Campbell, left, was fiddling invoices



PRIORITIES McKelvie

Addiction rehab places rise to 938

BY **CRAIG PATON**

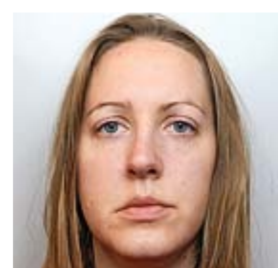
THE number of new residential addiction rehab places has increased to more than 900.

According to statistics released by Public Health Scotland yesterday, placements increased from 540 in 2021-22, to 812 in 2022-23 and 938 in 2023-24.

A Scottish Government target aims to ensure 1000 people go through residential rehab each year by 2026.

Drugs minister Christina McKelvie said: "We are prioritising getting people into the treatment and recovery that is right for them, at the right place at the right time.

"We are determined every penny of the £100million we are investing to expand residential rehabilitation will make a difference to those suited to this form of treatment."



KILLER NURSE Lucy Letby

Letby 'kill bid' tot's health deteriorated

BY **KIM PILLING**

A BABY allegedly attacked by killer nurse Lucy Letby was stabilised before she suddenly deteriorated, a court heard yesterday.

Child K weighed just 1lb 8oz when born premature.

Three attempts were made to put a breathing tube into her airway on February 17, 2016.

But Dr James Smith said this would "not have compromised" the infant.

Letby, 34, is accused of displacing the tube at the Countess of Chester Hospital's neonatal unit.

Child K died three days later at a Wirral hospital.

Letby denies one count of attempted murder.

She was convicted last year of murdering seven babies and the attempted murders of six infants

The trial at Manchester crown court continues.

TENANTS ARE FACING 'RUNAWAY' RISES

300% rent hike nightmare

SHATTERED Alaina Paterson will have to quit home after her rent rocketed

CONCERNED Wojciech says he is struggling with rent and is being forced out of his flat

Campaigners demand Scottish Government takes action as renters fear ending up on street

CAMPAIGNERS are demanding the Scottish Government takes urgent action over soaring rents – after reports of staggering 300 per cent increases.

Living Rent said a growing number of Scots are facing "runaway" increases since the rent cap ended in April.

The tenants' union has warned dramatic increases up to 50 per cent are leaving tenants on the brink of homelessness, with some served eviction notices when they challenge their increase.

Living Rent chair Aditi Jehangir said: "Since the rent cap ended, we have seen hundreds of tenants getting in touch about rent increases. In the first two weeks of June alone we have had tenants come to us with increases of up to 52 per cent.

"Landlords are trying to get away with huge increases,

BY **JOLENE CAMPBELL**

hoping that tenants do not know that they can challenge them.

"This government needs to urgently implement rent controls that are tied to the property, bring rents down and improve the quality of our housing. Stricter regulations are needed now to stop these escalating rent prices from tearing our cities apart at the seams."

Wojciech Wlazlak, 33, refused to pay a rent increase of more than 50 per cent for his flat in Glasgow's southside.

Now he fears he will end up on the streets. His landlord notified him in May that the rent would be pushed up from £650 to £1000 a month. After getting help from Living Rent, it's been changed to £800 a month.

The warehouse worker said: "I don't know what to do now, I've looked around and not found anything I could manage.

"It's already a struggle just to cover bills. I'm being forced out. It's so distressing."

Alaina Paterson, from Edinburgh, splits half of the £1750 monthly rent for her Stockbridge home with a flatmate. The letting agent told them in April that it'd go up to £2250 from August. The self-employed gardener says she has no choice but to move out.

She said: "It's an extreme increase. We can't afford it. It's shocking and upsetting. I will probably have to stay with friends and family. I'll be sofa surfing and living out of boxes.

"It puts me in such a stressful situation because my work is mostly here in the city."

Alaina, 29, said: "We are disputing the increase but in the end I won't have a choice but to move out."

Alaina's letting agent Cullen Property said a rent officer is due to visit the flat soon to assess the rental valuation.

> **Action is needed now and SNP must tackle the crisis**
> JACKIE BAILLIE LABOUR MSP

Labour MSP Jackie Baillie has slammed ministers for declaring a housing emergency without a plan to help renters.

She said: "The SNP have done little to help the situation and their recent declaration of a housing emergency came without a clear plan to remedy the difficulties renters are facing.

"People do not have the money to add sums like 40 per cent on top of already high rents.

"The Scottish Government has back-pedalled on earlier commitments to build more socially rented homes and funding for the Affordable Housing Supply Programme has been slashed.

"Action is needed now and the SNP must come up with a credible plan to tackle the housing crisis."

Shelter Scotland director Alison Watson said: "Runaway rents are one of the many symptoms of Scotland's housing emergency, which is driven by decades of under-investment in social housing.

A Scottish Government spokeswoman said: "Tenants' rights in Scotland continue to be strongest in the UK and we are working hard to raise awareness of these rights.

"There are strict legal processes in place for ending a tenancy, which landlords must comply with."

Miners report new details

FORMER miners fighting for an inquiry into the Battle of Orgreave have handed a report to the Government and major political parties.

Campaigners who want the bloodiest day of the miners' strike 40 years ago investigated, say the report contains new information on policing and the "abuse of power".

They also claim it includes details about the involvement of then prime minister Margaret Thatcher and her government.

Steel staff work to rule

STAFF at steel giant Tata are working to rule in protest at the firm's plan to axe jobs by closing furnaces at its biggest plant.

Unite union said 1500 members at Port Talbot and Llanwern in Wales are refusing to work overtime.

The action may escalate to strikes if Tata does not row back on its plans.

Tata called the action "unlawful" and has reverted to less generous support for affected staff.

MOGGY'S A BIG EARNER FOR OWNER

CAT WALK MODEL



FUR AND FAME Marley with her pet cat Jasper

Adorable Jasper gets paid for photoshoots and acting jobs

BY **JACOB FARR**

A VET'S nurse has told how she has a lucrative second job – as assistant to her superstar cat.

Marley Alva-Jorgensen spends hours every day organising jobs for moggie Jasper, who has over 14,000 followers on Instagram.

The three-year-old chocolate ragdoll has several modelling contracts and acting credits under his belt.

Jaspar is now so successful he paid for his owner to have a holiday in Portugal.

Marley, 24, from Granton, Edinburgh, said: "When I first got Jaspar, he was tiny and his hair was silver. I didn't bond with him, he was just everywhere and quite an intense little kitten. He was super confident, which I found a bit overwhelming."

The student said when she began taking him outside for walks, his star potential began to shine.

She explained: "He would climb trees then cry like a Princess to get taken down."

His acting and modelling career kicked off when his antics were spotted on Instagram.

And Marley revealed Jaspar was a natural for cat modelling, saying: "The first one we did, all he really needed to do was sit on a counter and look pretty, look left and right and that was it. It still takes four hours for the whole shoot though.

"The last one we did was great fun, Jasper loved it.

"We were working with Fresh Pet and he was having zoomies. There was one point we had to come and find him.

"He certainly gets paid but he doesn't know it. I can't say how much he gets paid for his fee, it does depend on the job, but it's a very decent amount. I went to Portugal last year, it was great."

Police name tragic biker

POLICE have named a motorcyclist killed in a horror crash in Ayrshire.

Ian Sloan died on the A719 Waterside to A77 Ayr Road on Saturday.

The 56-year-old's bike collided with a silver Skoda Octavia.

Emergency services raced to the scene but Ian was pronounced dead at the scene.

The car's male driver was uninjured but the four female passengers were taken to Crosshouse Hospital for treatment.

Gang fight man arrested

A MAN has been arrested and charged over an alleged gang fight with weapons.

The 35-year-old was detained by officers in connection with Monday's incident in Glasgow's east end.

One man was treated at the scene by paramedics at about 5pm.

A Police Scotland spokeswoman said: "A 35-year-old man was arrested and charged in connection with the incident."

GO AHEAD TO REPLACE EYESORE COTTAGE

SAVILE GLEN HOUSE TO BE BULLDOZED

NEW LOOK The property design, left. Below, vandalised cottage

BEAST Savile

BY RUTH SUTER

JIMMY Savile's Highland house of horrors in Glen Coe is set to be bulldozed.

The paedophile's former home in the Highlands will be flattened to make way for a modern, four-bed family property.

Plans to demolish Allt-na-Reigh were given the green light after councillors voted unanimously in favour of the move at a Highland Council planning applications committee yesterday.

The building fell into a state of decay following the pervert's death in 2011.

Images from inside the lair, where Savile is believed to have abused 20 victims, show collapsed ceilings and smashed walls.

Vandals have also scrawled words such as "beast" and "paedo" on exterior walls.

New owner to build family home at spot

The former home is in a scenic area of Glen Coe, close to the A82 and near the iconic pass.

Following Savile's death, the two-bed bungalow was put up for auction and was purchased for £212,000, with the buyer intending to live there. But it was sold again for a reported £335,000 by the family of Harris Aslam, boss of Kirkcaldy-based Eros Retail.

Architects say Allt-na-Reigh's redevelopment will honour Scottish mountaineer Dr Hamish MacInnes, who died in 2020.

85 migrants saved during dawn voyage

ABOUT 85 migrants are understood to have been rescued from small boats in the English Channel in the early hours yesterday.

UK Border Force vessels and RNLI lifeboats were sent out at 4am.

Home Office figures show 184 migrants crossed in the week to Monday.

The Maritime and Coastguard Agency said: "HM Coastguard has been coordinating the response to small boats this morning."

BARTON'S £75K COST FOR 'BIKE NONCE' JIBE



ONLINE RANT Joey Barton was taken to court over his posts on X

DAMAGES Jeremy Vine arrives at court last month

> "I apologise to Mr Vine for the distress he has suffered
>
> JOEY BARTON SETS THE RECORD STRAIGHT

He settles Jeremy Vine libel claim

BY CALLUM PARKE

JOEY Barton has apologised to Jeremy Vine and agreed to pay him £75,000 in damages to settle a High Court libel claim.

In an online post, Barton said the allegations he made against Vine, including calling him a "bike nonce", were untrue. The broadcaster, 59, had sued Barton for harassment and libel over 14 posts on X.

A judge ruled last month that 11 of the posts could defame Vine.

In a statement, former Bristol Rovers manager Barton, 41, said: "I accused Jeremy Vine of having a sexual interest in children, and created a hashtag which made the same allegations, which were viewed millions of times. I recognise that this is a very serious allegation. It is untrue. I do not believe that Mr Vine has a sexual interest in children and I wish to set the record straight...

"I apologise to him for the distress he has suffered."

In a post on X, Vine said: "The news of Joey Barton's apology and commitment to pay damages and costs is not the final outcome of this case.

"After five defamatory tweets, my lawyer offered Barton a chance to settle – pay £75k, plus my costs, and make an apology.

"He ignored that offer and posted more disgusting tweets about me, even publishing my home address to his followers. A number of other steps are still to be taken and Barton has agreed to pay my legal costs."



Joey Barton
@Joey7Barton

PUBLIC APOLOGY His statement yesterday

"Between 8 and 12 January 2024 I published 11 posts which accused Jeremy Vine of having a sexual interest in children, and created a hashtag which made the same allegations, which were viewed millions of times. I recognise that this is a very serious allegation. It is untrue. I do not believe that Mr Vine has a sexual interest in children, and I wish to set the record straight. I also published posts during the same period in which I referred



ELE-FAN Ricky in a T-shirt

Gervais bets his T-shirt on trophy hunt imports ban

BY **NICOLA METHVEN**

RICKY Gervais has designed an elephant T-shirt in a quest to get trophy hunting banned.

The comedian, 62, wants a change in laws which permit the remains of an animal kill to be imported for taxidermy and display.

Endangered elephants, lions and leopards are among the hundreds of creatures slaughtered every year by British trophy hunters.

Ricky said: "There are few things as immoral as shooting an animal for fun and then bragging about it.

"It's sickening, cowardly and downright deranged.

"British trophy hunters are among the most prolific when it comes to killing elephants.

"Elephants are amazing creatures and they're also endangered.

"That's why I've designed this T-shirt."

He is raising funds for the Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting.

Other supporters include Sir Ranulph Fiennes, Dame Judi Dench and Dame Joanna Lumley.

■ To buy one of Ricky's T-shirts for £20, visit www.bantrophyhunting.org

Parents feel trapped due to childcare

GRANDPARENTS are a childcare lifeline to more than half of all parents of young kids, a survey found.

The figure rises to more than seven in 10 mums and dads who live within 30 minutes of a parent.

The survey of 2000 parents of children under 13 found many feel "trapped" and unable to move house because they rely on grandparents.

But Daniel Copley, from Zoopla, suggested some grandparents may be amenable to moving themselves to help their family.

He added: "Many may be looking to move to a smaller home or free up some equity in their home to fund their retirement."

Gio has always been a perfect gentleman to me... the truth will come out

GOOD PALS Giovanni plants kiss on Shirley last summer

TENSION Him and Amanda on set of Strictly

BEFORE IT ALL WENT WRONG Amanda and Giovanni in September

PRAISE Shirley has given support to star

Shirley backs star on bully claims

BY **TOM BRYANT**

STRICTLY star Shirley Ballas has backed under-fire Giovanni Pernice, saying: "The truth will come out."

The judge insisted she has never seen any of the bullying he is accused of.

The professional dancer was not brought back for this year's series, despite performing on the show for nine years, and BBC bosses are investigating the allegations against him.

But Shirley, 63, said: "He has always been to me, and I will make that clear, to me, a perfect gentleman.

"My feeling for Giovanni is, let them do this investigation or whatever it is they are doing and the truth will come out.

"I have never ever, ever experienced any ill will or bad feeling or bad sportsmanship or rudeness from him.

"You know, I can only talk from my own perspective. I have known Giovanni for 10 years. I know he is a hard worker.

"He wants the people to do the very best that they can do. Obviously in my life I was bullied a lot. I don't condone bullying on any path but also I don't believe gossip because things get escalated and they are blown way out of all proportion and it can turn into a great big snowball.

"So we don't judge anybody until I know absolutely 100 per cent. I won't pass on the gossip unless I know 100 per cent it is true. He will be missed."

Shirley was speaking on Monday at Chorleywood Memorial Hall, Hertfordshire, to promote her new book, Murder on the Dancefloor.

She told how she spoke to 33-year-old Pernice that day and revealed she has invited him to a party this weekend, along with fellow judge Anton Du Beke. Shirley praised the Italian for being kind to her mum Audrey when she was diagnosed with cancer.

She added: "I just spoke to Giovanni 30 minutes before coming here.

"I am going to one of his Ballando classes to teach the jive [with Anton].

"He is coming to my party with Anton on Sunday. My mother loves him. It does not matter when he is on tour, or where he is or what he is doing, he will make his way across and he will say, 'Lovely to see you, Shirley. Lovely to see your mum'.

"I have got so many beautiful pictures of the times that he spent, particularly when my mum was poorly, and he reached out." Claims about Pernice's behaviour were made by actress Amanda Abbington, who was partnered with him on the show last year. The 50-year-old quit in October.

> **"Giovanni works hard, he wants people to do the best they can**
>
> SHIRLEY BALLAS ON THE CLAIMS AGAINST DANCER

Giovanni denies any allegations of bullying or abusive behaviour.

He this week dismissed the claims about his behaviour as "simply false".

And he has previously rejected allegations he displayed "abusive or threatening" behaviour following complaints about his conduct.

The dancer said: "I am co-operating fully with the ongoing BBC investigation, which will determine the truth.

"As requested, I have stayed silent but I am looking forward to the conclusion of the investigation and ultimately clearing my name and establishing the truth. I am so happy to be back on tour.

"Thank you all for your continued support. Your messages and love mean so very much to me.

"I will hopefully see many of you very, very soon and I look forward to clearing my name."

Diet link to shorter kids

CHILDREN in the UK are growing up shorter because of their poor diets, a report out today warns.

Analysis shows the height of five-year olds in Britain has been falling every year since 2013.

Data in the study from the Food Foundation shows the average UK five-year-old boy was 112.8cm tall in 2013, with the average girl 111.9cm.

By 2019, those had fallen to 112.5cm for boys and 111.7cm for girls.

Everest stay for Mallory

THE great granddaughter of mountaineering legend George Mallory spent the night on Everest 100 years to the day after he vanished near its summit.

Mallory and expedition partner Sandy Irvine were last seen by geologist and climber Noel Odell on a ridge near the world's highest peak before being enveloped in clouds.

Freja Mallory, 26, said after her Everest Base Camp experience: "It was a moment I will cherish for ever."

SHOCK AT FOOD BANK DROP-OFF

WHO'S SWIPED OUR GRUB FOR HUNGRY KIDS?

Woman 'posed as volunteer' at supermarket



DEFLATED Lesley Davidson of Loaves and Fishes, and, inset, Sainsbury's

BY ANDREA LAMBROU

A FOOD BANK volunteer has claimed sick thieves stole food collected for hungry families.

Lesley Davidson of the Loaves and Fishes food bank in Strathaven, Lanarkshire, said supermarket donations for the food bank were stolen.

As it experiences "record levels" of desperation, dishing out up to 200 food parcels a week with shelves running bare, she believes a con artist is impersonating volunteers.

Lesley is now warning other food banks, charities and supermarkets.

It is claimed a woman impersonating a Loaves and Fishes volunteer went into their regular collection point at Sainsbury's in Strathaven and made off with a trolley filled with £150 worth of goods.

Lesley said they entered the store three times in a week to collect food donations meant for the charity.

The woman was challenged the third time by staff before producing an email claiming to be from Lesley herself giving permission to collect the donations.

Lesley said: "Only one person ever collects our food from Sainsbury's Strathaven and she was on holiday so that it had built up.

"She went for it and they said the new person had been in three times so they've got it.

"They're literally taking food from the hungry."

Police decided no crime was committed, saying: "It appears to have been a mix-up."

But Lesley said: "I'm quite confused about what they mean by a mix-up.

"My main concern being if they have approached other organisations for money too."

DEALER Amy Beck

Drugs mum's sentence for dead baby cut

BY DAVE FINLAY

A DRUG-DEALING mum whose baby died after swallowing drugs at her home has had her sentence cut.

Amy Beck was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in April after three month old Olly-James Sievwright was found to have been exposed to the drugs mephedrone, known as M-CAT, and MDMA, commonly called ecstasy.

The boy, who was born prematurely, died on December 22, 2019, primarily from a peritonitis infection with exposure to the Class B drug mephedrone also listed as a cause of death.

Lord Malcolm, sitting with Lord Matthews at the Court of Criminal Appeal in Edinburgh, quashed the sentence and substituted a sentence of four years. Lord Matthews called the earlier sentence "excessive."



PERIL Imposing Ben Nevis

Peaks rescue chief warns of June winter

BY RECORD REPORTER

A WARNING has been issued by the leader of Scotland's busiest mountain rescue team over the "winter conditions" on the country's peaks.

It follows the airlift rescue of a male walker in his 20s who was found freezing on Monday on Ben Nevis.

Iain Murray, leader of Lochaber MRT, said that the walker was "hypothermic".

He added: "It may be summer time, but he was found in snow near the top of Ben Nevis.

"It really is winter conditions high up and people should bear that in mind and be properly prepared with appropriate clothing and gear, as well as in their planning."

The walker's condition is unknown.

CARER FLIPS AFTER OLD FIRM PLANS RUINED

VIOLENT Donna Maclean at court

Stepdad battered for dog sitting snub

Thug stamped on pensioner's head

BY CONNOR GORDON

A CARER attacked her OAP stepdad after he ruined her plans to watch an Old Firm game by not watching her dog.

Donna Maclean, 43, launched the savage attack on John McNeil, 70, at a flat in Rutherglen, Lanararkshire.

The yob stamped on his head leaving him looking like a "smashed pumpkin." on December 23, 2022.

Elderly John had been due to look after Maclean's labrador crossbreed Bella.

But he then booked a holiday to Tenerife leaving him unable to pet-sit. This sent her into a violent rage.

John told Glasgow Sheriff Court: "She was not happy as it changed her plans.

"She wanted to go out with friends to watch the Celtic and Rangers game and socialise."

A raging and foul-mouthed Maclean was described as "stamping" on her stepdad's head during the horror attack.

ASSAULT Pensioner John McNeil

It only ended when John's 64-year-old partner Patricia Scott managed to kick her off.

Events took place 10 days before Rangers and Celtic drew 2-2 at Ibrox.

Maclean was found guilty of assaulting John to his injury as well as behaving in a threatening or abusive manner.

She had claimed to have been acting in self-defence.

Maclean, also of Rutherglen, will return to the dock next month for sentencing.

The court heard from retiree John who said he was on the phone to Maclean on the night of the incident.

> **"I saw his face - it was like a smashed pumpkin**
> PATRICIA SCOTT PARTNER OF VICTIM

He said: "There was a change in arrangements that were made with myself and Patricia for going on holiday.

"I looked after Donna's dog and we had to let her know there were going to be changes in the arrangements for the holiday to Tenerife."

The OAP said Maclean was "not pleased" and "right annoyed" during the phone call while she was on a night out with her mother. Maclean stormed around to Patricia's home where John had been, around 11pm.

Patricia had briefly left the property as her son's dog, which was staying with them, had got out when opening the door.

Furious Maclean then approached John, who had been lying on the floor in the living room watching television.

In his police statement, he stated: "She was shouting and swearing and called me a f*****g w****r."

Prosecutor Ewan Wilson-McKay asked COPD sufferer John what happened once outraged Maclean was in the living room.

He replied: "I was not expecting to what happened to happen. I got kicked in the chest which put me flat on the ground and she started stamping on my head.

"Patricia came back in and I was becoming weak.

"Patricia kicked her and she ran out the door."

Patricia told the court: "I saw his face – it was like a smashed pumpkin." It was covered in blood."

John contacted the police after the incident and officers attended the property.

Home carer of 15 years Maclean stated in her evidence that she had also called the police and claimed to have been assaulted.

However, she asked officers not to progress the matter as the pair "swung in dangerous circles" and she was "frightened of their friends."

She stated that she earlier attended Patricia's home to "cut ties" with John amid claims he did not stick to a long-running arrangement for joint care of the dog.

The Glasgow city health employee claimed that she did not know how John came by his injuries and added that she was also hurt.

The matter was deferred pending background reports until next month by Sheriff Vincent Lunny.

U.S. LAWYER SAYS..



Brief for 'real-life Martha' says he'll drag Gadd and Netflix to witness box

BY **EVE BEATTIE**

A US lawyer for the "real-life Martha" Fiona Harvey believes Baby Reindeer writer Richard Gadd will be in the witness box during a multi-million dollar lawsuit.

Speaking to Piers Morgan Uncensored, Harvey's legal representative Richard Roth says she had a "very, very strong case" and revealed he expects Harvey, Gadd and Netflix executives to testify in court in California.

Legal documents show Roth and his New York firm Roth Law demanded a jury trial at the United States District Court Central District of California to hold the broadcaster to account.

They claim Netflix lied by claiming Gadd's seven-part series told the true story of how he was terrorised by a convicted stalker who had been to prison and who had sexually assaulted him.

Harvey was the inspiration for a convicted stalker called Martha in the award-winning series.

The 58-year-old Scot is demanding £135million from the streaming giant, claiming the facts used in their popular series were not true, despite it being billed as a true story.

Roth suggests the fallout from the Baby Reindeer case "could be a watershed moment for streaming TV".

He said Harvey will "certainly give evidence". He said: "We'll have Richard Gadd testify, we'll have her testify. We're gonna have a string of people at Netflix testifying as to what they did... why they agreed to the language in the front. What they did to check it."

Roth also told Morgan: "One of the big smoking guns... is that you don't put 'this is a true story' on the front, first frame of a six-part series unless it's gone through the wringer. Who actually said it is a true story? Did legal look at it? It is not a true story. There are clear falsities in it, which are very damning. So I think one thing is going to be what did Netflix do to determine this was a true story when it's clearly not?"

CONTROVERSY Fiona Harvey, left, and, above, her lawyer Richard Roth

Baby Reindeer became one of Netflix's most popular TV series. It portrays an ordeal Gadd, from Fife, faced at the hands of deranged stalker Martha, who has been in prison for a historical crime and is sent to prison for stalking him.

Internet sleuths easily discovered the character was based on Fiona Harvey.

Netflix vowed to "vigorously defend" a multi-million dollar lawsuit.

Roth added if the streaming giant has "wronged her, then she is entitled to their profits" but also admitted: "We don't know what that number is."

Netflix has been contacted for comment by the Record.



GROWN UP Leigh Francis

Out of Juice .. but Lemon is not bitter

BY **TOM McARDLE**

COMEDIAN Leigh Francis says he will not be bringing back Keith Lemon and Celebrity Juice because he "grew up a little bit".

The game show ran for 26 series from 2008 to 2022 and featured Leigh, in character as Lemon, treating celebrities to his X-rated brand of humour.

The 51-year-old told the How to Be in the Spotlight podcast: "The comedy landscape has changed.

"You can't say things that you used to say.

"Also, I grew up a little bit, I've got kids – it's embarrassing when you go to do the school run when the night before you were running about in a studio with your big fat d*** out."

The Yorkshireman, who also created sketch show Bo' Selecta!, added: "I don't think it will come back."



RARE SIGHT Sun cream

Wet weather dampens sun cream sales

BY **GRAHAM HISCOTT**

SALES of sun cream slumped 25 per cent this month compared to June last year amid the rotten weather.

Salad sales also fell by 11 per cent year on year but soup sales were up 24 per cent, data cruncher Kantar found. But it said grocery price inflation had eased for a 16th month running.

Average prices rose 2.1 per cent, from a peak of nearly 20 per cent last year.

However, experts warned the cost-of-living crisis is still a big issue.

Fraser McKevitt, from Kantar, said: "The sixth wettest spring on record has made a mark on the grocery sector.

"We're not yet reaching for those typical summertime products and are making purchases you wouldn't expect in June."

He went headfirst into the audience.. then a blood-curdling scream

Sir Ian, 85, in 'good spirits' after horror fall off stage

ORDEAL Sir Ian McKellen in West End show Player Kings

ALERT Ambulance crews at theatre on Monday

BLOW Theatregoers after play was cancelled

BY **MARK JEFFERIES**

SIR Ian McKellen is in "good spirits" after falling off the stage during a performance in London's West End.

A theatregoer said the actor, 85, let out a "blood-curdling scream" and cried "help me" as staff rushed to his aid.

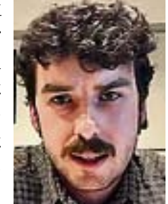
Sir Ian, starring in Player Kings, was rushed to hospital after his fall at the Noel Coward Theatre on Monday evening.

A theatre spokesman said: "Thank you to our audience and the general public for their well-wishes following Ian's fall.

"Following a scan, the brilliant NHS team have assured us that he will make a speedy and full recovery and Ian is in good spirits."

The Lord of the Rings star, who is playing John Falstaff in a new version of Shakespeare's Henry IV, had been circling a fight scene when he appeared to fall down a step.

Witness Charlie Johnson told Good Morning Britain: "There were strobe lights and then it all went dark. I think he took his foot too far off that initial step and lost his balance and went headfirst into the audience.



IN AUDIENCE Charlie Johnson

"Within seconds, a blood-curling stream arose and he was clearly in a lot of pain and screaming 'help me.'"

Ambulances and theatregoers were seen outside after the remainder of the show was cancelled. It did not go ahead yesterday, so that Sir Ian could rest, and today's performances have also been axed. Two doctors in the audience helped the stricken actor.

The spokesman said: "Thank you to doctors Rachel and Lee, who were on hand in the audience, and to all the venue staff for their support."

Sir Ian, from Burnley, Lancashire, is one of the most celebrated actors of his generation.

His previous Shakespeare roles include Richard III, King Lear and Macbeth. On the big screen, he has played Gandalf in the Lord of the Rings and Hobbit trilogies, and Magneto in the X-Men franchise.

SCOTLAND MISSES ECO TARGET AGAIN



BULLISH Mairi McAllan

BY **DAN VEVERS**

SCOTLAND has again failed to hit its annual emissions target – for the ninth time in 13 years.

Official figures for 2022 showed a 0.1 per cent fall in net greenhouse gas emissions on the previous year.

There has been a 50 per cent drop since 1990 but that fell short of the target of 54 per cent.

The yearly benchmarks – used to track Scotland's climate progress – are to be controversially scrapped by the Scottish Government along with a key 2030 emissions target.

Campaigners said the 2022 failure was "part of a damaging pattern" and insisted removing annual targets would only create a "smokescreen" to cover up climate inaction.

Lewis Ryder-Jones, Oxfam Scotland's Advocacy Adviser, said: "This ninth failure in 13 years proves that, once again, team Scotland has lost momentum in the highest stakes match in town.

"It's deeply concerning that the annual climate goalposts aren't just being moved, they're being removed, creating a convenient smokescreen to mask an undeniable lack of sufficient climate action.

"All political parties at Holyrood must now unite to drive forward ambitious, bold and decisive action."

Mike Robinson, chair of the Stop Climate Chaos Scotland coalition, said the failure "reflects the ongoing absence of strong climate action by both Holyrood and Westminster governments".

He added: "The longer action to cut emissions is delayed, the greater the risks, higher the costs, and the longer people in Scotland miss out on the benefits of warmer homes, lower energy bills and cleaner air."

But Net Zero Secretary Mairi McAllan claimed the figures showed Scotland had achieved the largest emissions reduction of any UK nation.

McAllan said: "At the same time our economy has grown by 67 per cent in real terms, demonstrating that tackling climate change and growing our economy go hand in hand."

YOUR MONEY

PROPERTY AND MORTGAGE EXPERTS OFFER THEIR TIPS TO CASH-STRAPPED WOULD-BE HOMEOWNERS

Helping first-time buyers get ahead in the tough housing market

THE squeeze on potential first-time buyers has been crushing hopes of ever getting on to the property ladder.

Less than a quarter of 18 to 34-year-olds believe homeownership is a realistic goal, a survey for Barclays has found.

Meanwhile, according to Santander's customer data from the first quarter of 2024, a fifth of people taking their first step on the property ladder are aged over 40.

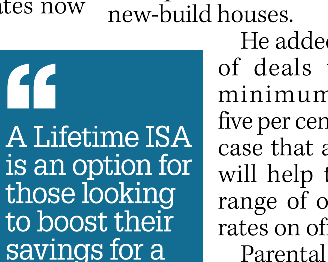
In signs that more people have already started families by the time they get a mortgage, one in five first-time buyers in 2023 had at least one dependant, up from one in 10 in 2009, Santander found.

David Hollingworth, associate director, communications at L&C Mortgages, said: "Nothing seems to get easier for first-time buyers and the twin challenges of deposit and affordability remain.

"House prices have remained stubbornly high despite a slower market, which means saving a deposit and being able to borrow enough is tough.

"Nonetheless, the demand from aspiring first-time buyers is still strong despite the higher interest rates now in play.

"Rents have risen rapidly as well and that, coupled with the limited security that renting gives, means first-time buyers are still keen to take the first step on to the ladder."



> A Lifetime ISA is an option for those looking to boost their savings for a first home



The mortgage market remains competitive, he says, with various deals aimed at giving first-time buyers a helping hand.

Skipton Building Society, for example, offers a "track record" mortgage, which uses borrowers' rental history to help them on to the property ladder, lending up to 100 per cent of the property purchase price.

Yorkshire Building Society also offers a £5000 deposit mortgage.

David says such deals could "accelerate the ability to buy for some that are struggling to amass a deposit while also paying stiff rents".

When comparing mortgage deals, David emphasises the importance of checking eligibility requirements. The Yorkshire's deal, for example, is not available for flats or new-build houses.

He added: "The majority of deals will require a minimum deposit of five per cent and it's still the case that a bigger deposit will help to broaden the range of options and the rates on offer."

Parental help will still be a key contributor for many, and David says that is something lenders recognise.

Some mortgages, such as Barclays family springboard, offer up to 100 per cent borrowing where a family member or friend is able to offer cash as additional security.

With the Barclays deal, the money goes into a savings pot linked to the mortgage and is later returned, subject to terms and conditions.

"Many will also allow a parent to be joint on the mortgage to boost the amount of borrowing available without insisting on them being a joint owner," added David.

Of course, many people do not have families who are in a position to offer financial support. The Lifetime ISA is also an option for those looking to boost their savings for their first home as it adds a bonus on pots of cash.

Barclays' research also found that just under a fifth of young adults are worried that buying a home would mean mortgage payments continue into their retirement.

Tim Bannister, Rightmove's property expert, said: "Stretching to a longer mortgage term will increase the overall cost of the mortgage due to higher interest payments, but for many, the reduction in monthly payments can be the difference between being able to afford the home that they want or not."

According to recent figures from trade body UK Finance, around one in five new first-time buyers took out mortgage terms stretching beyond 35 years in the first quarter of this year.

Lenders carry out assessments to check borrowers can afford their mortgage, including if the home loan stretches into retirement.

While they can help make monthly payments more affordable, longer mortgage terms could potentially affect how much people are able to put towards other outgoings, such as their pension pots.

Richard Donnell, Zoopla's executive director, said: "The big trend in recent years is to borrow for over 30 years to get that extra 5-10 per cent of buying power, but at the cost of paying more interest over the life of the loan."

Richard suggests that aspiring first-time buyers try to focus on seeking where they can get better value for money.

Some would-be buyers may initially rent in an area to get to know it before buying locally.

Richard said: "We have seen some increase in first-time buyers looking to buy flats in the face of higher mortgage



costs but most first-time buyers still want to buy a three-bed house to do up and add value to.

"One big piece of advice is to speak to estate agents who know the local area well.

"The rise of online property searching means buyers aren't tapping into the knowledge of property professionals.

"Agents can really help with the 'if you can't afford here, people tend to look there' on-the-ground insight.

"Building a rapport with an agent can help you to get ahead in your search and gain some great tips."

Richard also suggests making sure you have a mortgage lined up, so you know how much you can borrow before you start viewing properties.

Checking your credit score with the main ratings providers is also an important step in getting mortgage-ready.

Some people may also want to consider the Experian Boost service, which allows people to share more information about how they manage their money, which may help to improve a credit score.

To make sure you are getting the most bang for your buck when searching for homes, Richard also suggests considering how much you are paying on a "pounds per square foot or per square metre basis", adding: "At the end of the day you are buying space."

> Checking your credit score with a provider is an important step in getting a mortgage

Emily Williams, director of research at property firm Savills, says people remain motivated to get on the property ladder.

She said: "Our latest survey of first-time buyers active in the new homes sector revealed that 75 per cent said recent market conditions had led them to compromise on location, while 41 per cent of first-time buyers said they had made a significant compromise on size."

First-time buyers and existing home owners looking to remortgage also have the glimmer of hope that the Bank of England base rate will be cut at some point, which should ease some of the pressure of high mortgage rates.

Various first-time buyer pledges have also been made by political parties, as the general election on July 4 looms.

"With an interest-rate cut on the horizon, major lenders should be able to provide some relief to those looking to get on to the ladder," said Emily.

ASK AN EXPERT



THE QUEUE NORMAL Airlines regularly have to deal with cancelled flights

Flight or fight with your hols airline for compo

My flight was cancelled by the airline. Can I get compensation?

Claiming compensation depends on how much notice you received and why the flight was cancelled.

If your flight was cancelled less than 14 days before departure, and the replacement flight delays your arrival by two or more hours, you might be able to make a claim.

The amount you could be eligible for depends on the distance of the flight and how long you are delayed for.

You can check your flight distance on the WebFlyer website.

However, if the cancellation was not the airline's fault, it's unlikely you will receive anything.

Disruption caused by extreme weather, a security risk, or an air traffic control strike, for example, is not eligible for compensation, but a technical fault would be.

Compensation is not automatic so to make a claim contact the airline directly.

It's also worth bearing in mind that in addition to possible compensation, customers have the right to either a full refund or a replacement flight.

If you choose a replacement flight, the airline must provide food and drink, phone access and accommodation if necessary.

If you opt for a refund, the airline does not have to provide further assistance but you must be refunded within 14 days.

You can request a refund or replacement at the airport or directly from the airline.

For further free information on your rights, advisers at consumeradvice.scot are available.

You can reach them via freephone at 0808 164 6000, or through web chat and email at www.consumeradvice.scot.

I'm on benefits, my child gets free school meals and I'm worried about being able to feed them over the summer holidays. Is there any support available?

The Scottish Government funds free school meals during school holidays for families with income-based eligibility.

Payments, amounting to £2.50 per child for each week day of the holiday are made before the holiday begins.

For instance, families eligible for free school meals before the Easter holidays received £30 per child.

If you have already applied and been awarded free school meals, you'll receive support automatically using the payment details your council has.

There's no need to make a separate application for help over the holidays.

For those who haven't yet applied, here are a few things to know.

To be eligible, you must be receiving one of the following qualifying benefits: Universal Credit (with a monthly earned income of no more than £796), Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-based Employment and Support Allowance, or support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

You can also get help if you receive Child Tax Credit and your income is less than £19,995, or if you receive both Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with an income of up to £9,552.

Contact your council to apply, or online at mygov.scot. Welfare advisers at advice.scot can help.

email s.mclean@ dailyrecord.co.uk with all your consumer queries



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Get peace of mind on travels covered

THE prospect of things going wrong while on holiday isn't something any of us want to contemplate.

But when you're booking a summer getaway it's important to make sure you're adequately covered, should the worst happen.

After all, a holiday is often among the biggest "one-off" expenses of the year.

Kelly Whittington, travel claims director at Aviva, says travel insurance can give people "valuable peace of mind".

Here are some tips from Whittington on the travel insurance pitfalls to avoid when considering travel cover...

LEAVING IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO TAKE OUT COVER

"Crucially, people should buy travel cover as soon as they book their holiday," said Whittington.

"This means that if they need to cancel their holiday because of an unforeseen event, such as an illness or injury, their insurer should cover any costs that can't be recovered elsewhere."



TIPS For travel insurance

NOT CHECKING SMALL PRINT TO MAKE SURE A POLICY FITS YOUR OWN NEEDS

Whittington says that, for example, holidaymakers planning to go scuba diving or engage in other sports should check that they would be covered under their policy.

She added: "Most insurers will offer either worldwide or European travel insurance, which (only) provides cover in certain parts of the globe."

NOT DISCLOSING YOUR MEDICAL CONDITIONS

Whittington said: "This allows the insurer to appropriately assess the medical risks each customer poses, along with any other risks, in order to provide cover at a fair price."

with Russell Grant
STARS

Aries March 21-April 20
YOU will be surprised by how in tune you are with the thoughts and feelings of others around you, even people you hardly know. You seem to be able to sense their mood and their needs. This provides a perfect opportunity for you to strengthen relationship bonds.
For more call **0905 789 4171** (80p/min + network access charge)

Taurus April 21 - May 21
AVOID making any further commitments to a long-term project until you find out exactly what it is you are in for. As much as you want to support it, be sensible and take precautions to protect your health. Some people will take advantage of your energy and resourcefulness.
For more call **0905 789 4172** (80p/min + network access charge)

Gemini May 22 -June 20
GIVE free rein to your imagination and you could discover a talent that has been lying dormant. Creative and artistic pastimes are a great way to channel your energy. You will get a lot of pleasure from putting your mind to anything that needs imaginative thought.
For more call **0905 789 4173** (80p/min + network access charge)

Cancer June 21 -July 22
TRAVEL delays, breakdowns in communication and finding parking spaces when you do arrive at your destination will try your patience. Try to stay calm and not to let this fluster you. Make sure your mobile is fully charged in case you look like being late for an appointment.
For more call **0905 789 4174** (80p/min + network access charge)

Leo July 23 - August 22
YOU just want to be on your own and you won't be pleased to be surrounded by talkative, meddlesome people. You don't want to gossip with colleagues and neighbours. You'd rather give a group project a miss. You just want to get back in touch with your own thoughts, plans and ideas.
For more call **0905 789 4175** (80p/min + network access charge)

Virgo Aug 23 - Sept 22
THE divide between you and a relative you fell out with is as deep as ever. You wish it could be different but a past disagreement will never be resolved unless one of you is willing to back down. Your opinions differ considerably. Any chance of resolving the rift looks remote.
For more call **0905 789 4176** (80p/min + network access charge)

Libra Sept 23-Oct 23
YOU will have to assert yourself if you aren't happy with current plans or circumstances. The chance to change things in a close relationship is there but you need to take the initiative. A partner will be dismayed to hear your views but they will appreciate your honesty.
For more call **0905 789 4177** (80p/min + network access charge)

Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22
IF CERTAIN dreams you have are to come true you will need to be serious about them and you must have total belief in yourself. Carefully set long-term goals and create deadlines. You will find it easier to transform your dreams into reality when you have a firm plan in mind.
For more call **0905 789 4178** (80p/min + network access charge)

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21
A RESPECTED executive has admired your skills from a distance. They recognise your potential and are about to make you an impressive offer. If you've been called for an interview you might want to take this chance to splash out on some fashionable items for your wardrobe
For more call **0905 789 4179** (80p/min + network access charge)

Capricorn Dec 22 -Jan 20
A HEART to heart chat will allow you to air your anger and frustration. Your needs are not being met in a close relationship. If things are to improve, then some radical changes will be necessary. A partner may also need some reassurance that you are meeting each other halfway.
For more call **0905 789 4180** (80p/min + network access charge)

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19
YOU'VE been left on your own to manage a job that other people are finding too difficult to handle. Once the worst is over, a senior colleague will start taking more interest in your progress and will offer a helping hand. Make certain you get the proper credit for your contribution.
For more call **0905 789 4181** (80p/min + network access charge)

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20
YOU have mixed feelings about an online romance. If you still haven't met each other despite promises to do so you might wonder whether they are hiding something. Ask a trusted friend for their opinion. You could do with seeing this relationship from a more objective perspective.
For more call **0905 789 4182** (80p/min + network access charge)

DEAR COLEEN

Distraught and can't sleep after my mum died

Dear Coleen

I FEEL so emotionally and physically low at the moment after losing my mum and can't see a way out of it. I haven't been able to sleep for 12 nights in a row. I'm exhausted and worried, and don't know what's wrong with me – I'm thinking it's either PTSD or my anxiety.

On the day my mum died I couldn't sleep when I went to bed that night and it's a pattern that's continued ever since.

What's very upsetting for me is that I didn't even get the chance to say my last goodbyes to her because of safeguarding being in place.

I miss her so much it hurts and now she's gone I don't know what to do. I haven't been the same person since losing her and I've been comfort eating too.

I know Mum's gone, but I'm having a really hard time accepting it. If there's anything you can say to help me to feel better and try to move on in some way, I'd be so grateful.

Coleen says

IT'S grief and it's still very raw. This has overtaken your mind and body, and I know it feels awful, especially if it's the first time you've lost someone so close to you. But it's normal and you have to feel it because it's part of the healing journey.

Everyone handles grief differently – there's no right or wrong – but I do think bereavement counselling is beneficial and definitely worth a try. My advice would be to make an appointment to see your doctor in the first instance and explain the situation, as well as the sleep issues you're having. You can also get support from Cruse, the bereavement charity, by visiting cruse.org.uk or calling the helpline on 0808 808 1677.

You don't explain the reason for safeguarding being in place, but I totally understand that not being able to say goodbye to your mum is hard.

> I miss her so much and don't know what to do

You can do something to say your own goodbye – go to where she's buried or to her favourite place or somewhere that was special to both of you.

You can write some words to her, which might also help you by getting how you feel down on paper. It can be cathartic. Also, don't be afraid to share how you feel with friends and family. Let people know what you need from them.

As far as not sleeping goes, it's really tough to function when you're tired all the time. Try some apps – there are some really good ones with sleep stories and guided meditations that you can listen to in bed that distract your mind and help take some of the anxiety out of the situation.

It's not easy, but I promise you that in time it does get easier to live with.

It doesn't mean you don't miss that person or that two years down the line you won't burst into tears because something reminds you of them.

Just make sure you're getting the support you need.

Problems?
Tell Coleen Nolan about them and she'll give you an honest answer... every weekday in the Daily Record

EMAIL: dearcoleen@dailyrecord.co.uk – sorry, but Coleen can't reply personally
WRITE TO: Coleen Nolan, The Daily Record, 55 Douglas Street, Glasgow, G2 7NP

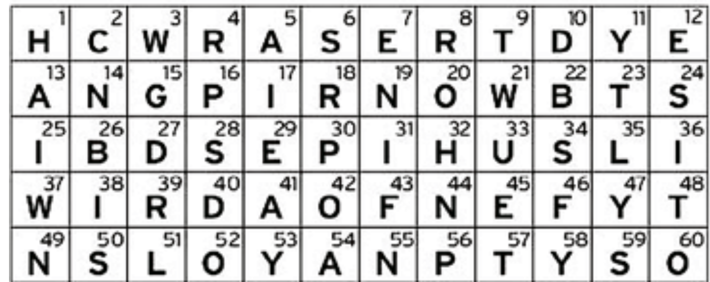
DAILY PRAYER

"GIVE, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down... shaken together, and running over."
St. Luke 6:38

YOU don't get out of life only what you put into it; you get out of life – with interest added – what you put into it.

CROSS OFF

Hidden in the grid is a well-known phrase. To reveal the phrase, cross off the letters in the grid that correspond to today's numbers. Keep today's puzzle, and buy tomorrow's paper for more numbers to help you find the solution. If you cross off all this week's numbers, the answer will be revealed on Friday.



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25 I	26 B	27 D	28 S	29 E	30 P	31 I	32 H	33 U	34 S	35 L	36 I
37 W	38 I	39 R	40 D	41 A	42 O	43 F	44 N	45 E	46 F	47 Y	48 T
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Today's numbers


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RECORD TV with SARA WALLIS

EMMERDALE
STV, 7.30pm

BELLE feels trapped as she fails to convince Tom to let her use the car. Finding a spare key, she is unsure whether to risk it and drive herself to the abortion clinic.

Amelia agrees to look after Piper and Belle slips her phone into Esther's pram. Belle checks she's not being watched and gets into Tom's car. She knows one thing – she can't have this baby.

And Moira regrets her tirade as Cain reminds her of cruel things she said to him.


DODGY DEALS Mo and Stevie

EASTENDERS
BBC2, 7.30pm

YOLANDE feels anxious on the day of Jordan's baptism, but she's steadied by Patrick's support. Chelsea is also nervous before heading to church, but Kim's outfit provides a good distraction.

Sharon is spooked when she bumps into Callum in the cafe and he announces that he's speaking to the detectives who investigated Keanu's murder.

Meanwhile, Mo and Stevie sell stolen goods on the market to raise money for Will. But after Phil interferes, Honey and Billy put a stop to it.

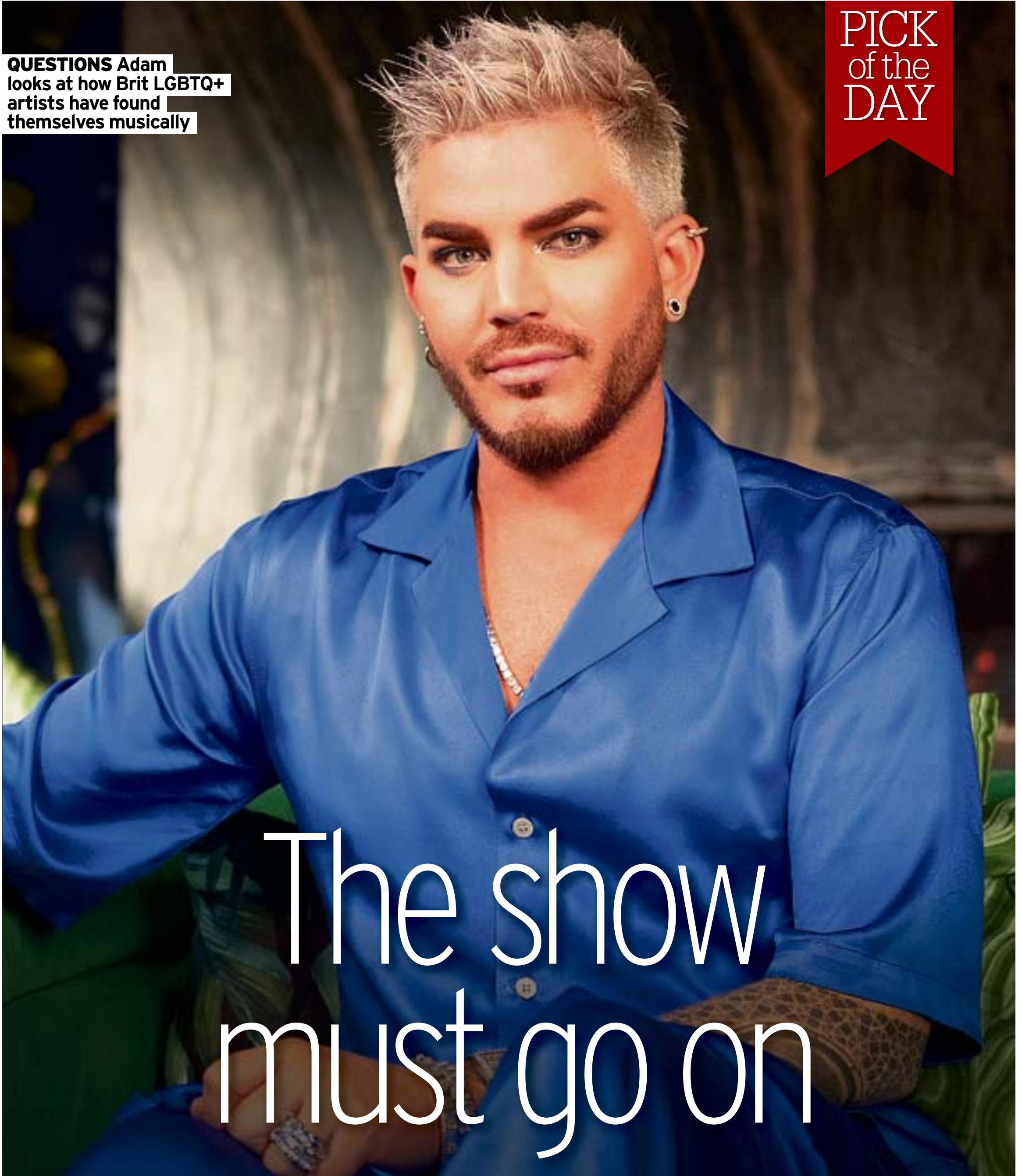
CORONATION STREET
STV 8pm

ABI tells Kevin that she's done some digging. Stefan Brent is a board director of the production company that made the documentary. He also owns the magazine and he must have created the deep fake videos out of revenge.

Steve makes out to Ken that Cassie's a qualified carer, but when she reveals that she's actually had no training, Ken is quietly furious.

UNQUALIFIED Cassie

Meanwhile, Toyah tells Nick that they've little choice but to come clean to Leanne about their brief affair.



QUESTIONS Adam looks at how Brit LGBTQ+ artists have found themselves musically

The show must go on

ADAM LAMBERT: OUT, LOUD & PROUD
STV, 9pm

AMERICAN singer and Queen frontman Adam Lambert guides us through an eye-opening documentary about being gay in the music business.

Having faced censorship in the US, Adam brings his unique perspective to explore how British LGBTQ+ artists have fought for their place in the industry.

Through candid interviews with Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor, reflecting on queer icon Freddie Mercury, to intimate conversations with Andy Bell of 80s pop duo Erasure, and Skin from 90s band Skunk Anansie (the first Black British artist to headline Glastonbury), plus British pop icon MNEK, Lambert uncovers the groundbreaking stories of these artists.

Each one not only defined their decade but also battled for queer rights, pushing against a music industry that often demanded conformity for success.

Adam said: "I'd like to look back at UK queer history, from the first Pride protest to today, asking what have we been through.

"We should celebrate how far we've come, but is the progress of Pride slowing down and is it more important than ever to be out, loud and proud?"

The film also dives into the final frontier of LGBTQ+ rights in the 21st century.

Featuring actress and singer Michaela Jae Rodriguez, the first trans woman to win a Golden Globe for her role in Pose, the film reveals how language, tropes and negative coverage once used against cisgender gay and lesbian people in the 70s, 80s and 90s are still used to target the trans community.

A tribute to the revolutionary spirit of those fighting for equality.


TURMOIL Halina and her family

WE WERE THE LUCKY ONES
Disney+

BASED on Georgia Hunter's New York Times bestselling novel, this hard-hitting TV adaptation is inspired by the incredible true story of a Jewish family separated at the start of the Second World War.

It begins in 1945 as Halina Kurc (Joey King) receives a long-awaited letter, crying as she relives the trauma of what her family has been through.

Then we flashback to seven years earlier, before war broke out. We meet the Kurc family – Halina and her parents, siblings and their spouses as they gather for Passover.

But as the inevitable happens, they are all separated, with this heartbreaking series following various relatives everywhere from Paris to Poland and Siberia.

Illustrating the enormous scope of the war, the inhumanity of others, and the anguish of loss and being disconnected from your family, this follows as the family remains determined to survive and reunite.

Often harrowing, this is not an easy watch, but it's an important story of survival.

BLACK BARBIE
Netflix

BLACK Barbie is more than just a doll. Her debut in 1980 was a pivotal moment for representation – and for millions of little girls who always wanted a doll that looked just like them.

This documentary started when filmmaker Lagueria Davis stayed with her aunt and slept in a room surrounded by dolls. "I hate dolls, but my aunt loves them, so I decided to find out why," said Lagueria.

Her aunt, 86-year-old Beulah Mae Mitchell, along with Kitty Black Perkins and Stacey McBride-Irby, were the three Black women at Mattel responsible for the Black Barbie.

Beulah, at Mattel from 1955-1999, said: "I loved pretty dolls. We got white dolls. I can't remember having a black doll. Now it's no big thing to people because they expect it."

Insider interviews reveal what went down at Mattel in the days leading up to the debut, and famous Black women, including this film's producer Shonda Rhimes, reveal their relationship with dolls and the issue of never seeing one in their image.


TRAILBLAZER Beulah used to work at Mattel

Today's TV previews are on the previous page

film ratings
★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad
(R) Repeat

BBC ONE

6.00am Breakfast News headlines.
9.30 Morning Live Magazine.
10.45 Scam Interceptors Scammers try to convince a man hackers are using his Amazon account.
11.15 Homes Under the Hammer Properties in Lowestoft, North Shields and Bucknall. (R)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt From Newark, Nottinghamshire. (R)
1.00 BBC News at One; Weather
2.00 Rip Off Britain (R)
2.30 Politics Scotland Reports.
3.00 Escape to the Country Jules Hudson help a couple find a home in the Welsh Borders. (R)
4.00 Antiques Road Trip Hettie Jago and David Harper are in Brampton, Cumbria. (R)
4.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Germany v Hungary (kick-off 5.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the Group A match from Stuttgart Arena. Germany haven't won any of the last three meetings between the two, and the last fixture saw Hungary come out on top with a 1-0 victory in a UEFA Nations League match.

BBC TWO

6.30am Homes Under the Hammer Featuring properties in Waterlooville, Birkenhead and West Bromwich. (R)
7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure The newsreader is in the Dominican Republic. (R)
8.00 Sign Zone: Rick Stein's Food Stories Rick visits a Suffolk bakery. (R)
8.30 Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo explores Derby and Nottingham. (R)
9.00 BBC News Headlines.
12.15pm Politics Live
1.00 LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day three of the men's grass-court tournament at Queen's Club, featuring matches from the second round.
6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes With Lee Ridley, aka Lost Voice Guy. (R)

STV

6.00am Good Morning Britain A lively mix of news, current affairs and lifestyle features.
9.00 Lorraine Entertainment news.
10.00 This Morning Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion.
12.30pm ITV News; Weather
12.50 STV News; Weather
12.59 STV Pollen Count
1.00 LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Croatia v Albania (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Pougatch presents coverage of the Group B match taking place at Volksparkstadion Hamburg.
4.15 LIVE **STV Racing: Royal Ascot** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present further coverage of the second day of the meeting, featuring the 4.25 Prince Of Wales's Stakes, plus races at 5.05 and 5.40. Coverage continues on ITV4.
6.00 STV News at Six; Weather
6.20 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish Family Party.
6.29 STV Pollen Count

CHANNEL 4

6.25am Cheers Double bill. (R)
7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond Four episodes. (R)
9.05 Frasier Four episodes. (R)
11.05 Great Canal Journeys Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore Argentina's waterways in a cargo boat. (R)
12.05pm Channel 4 News
12.10 Help! We Bought a Village A delivery causes chaos at a medieval village in France. (R)
1.10 Car S.O.S Fuzz Townshend and Tim Shaw secretly restore a classic 1960s Mercedes. (R)
2.10 Countdown Greg Rusedski guests in Dictionary Corner.
3.00 A Place in the Sun Double bill. A couple search for a home in and around La Mata in Spain; a holiday home on the Greek island of Aegina. (R)
5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses A couple relocate from New York to Spain.
6.00 Four in a Bed Guest house owners compete for the coveted best B&B title. (R)
6.30 The Simpsons Three Halloween-themed tales. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00am Milkshake! Children's TV.
9.15 Jeremy Vine Discussion.
11.15 Storm Huntley With calls.
12.45pm Friends Double bill. (R)
1.40 5 News at Lunchtime
1.45 Home and Away Things are strained a week into Levi living with Mackenzie, and Eden explodes, telling Levi that she'll never forgive him. (R)
2.20 FILM **Secret Lives of Housewives** (2022, PG) Drama, starring Jessica Morris, Justin Berti and Charlie Hitt. ★★★
4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun Following Chris through the challenges of running and managing the largest Paintball and Adventure facility in all of the Iberian Peninsula. (R)
5.00 5 News at 5 Headlines.
6.00 Party Election Broadcast By the Liberal Democrats.
6.05 Police Interceptors There's a hunt for a dodgy Fiesta, but with the interceptors on its tail, the driver stacks the vehicle into a roundabout and the occupants go to ground (R); 5 News Update

BBC ONE

7.00 BBC News at Six; Weather The latest headlines.
7.15 Reporting Scotland
7.25 Party Election Broadcast By the Labour Party. (R)
7.30 LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Scotland v Switzerland (kick-off 8.00pm). Gabby Logan presents coverage of the Group A match from Cologne Stadium. Steve Clarke's side went into the tournament with high hopes of reaching the knockout stages for the first time in their history, having performed impressively in their qualifying group, recording wins over the likes of Spain and Norway. However, their opening match ended in disappointment when they were soundly beaten 5-1 by Germany. In contrast, Switzerland, who reached the quarter-finals of Euro 2020, got off to a good start when they prevailed 3-1 against Hungary thanks to goals by Kwadwo Duah, Michel Aebischer and Breel Embolo. With commentary by Steve Bower and James McFadden.
10.30 BBC News at Ten A round-up of today's headlines.
11.00 Reporting Scotland
11.10 The Traitors US Double bill. The Traitors are set a daunting task for their next murder; a deadly mission sees a player take their last breath in the game. Hosted by Alan Cumming. (R)
12.10am Debate Night. Topical debate on the big issues affecting Scotland. Members of the public put their questions to a panel of politicians and other public figures. **1.10** Sportscene: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights **1.40** Euro 2024 Match Replay. Scotland v Switzerland. **3.25-6.00am** BBC News

BBC TWO

7.00 The One Show With Alex Jones and Lauren Laverne.
7.30 EastEnders Sharon is spooked when Callum says that he's speaking to the detectives who investigated Keanu's murder, and Yolande decides to brave the baptism.
8.00 The Repair Shop The craftspeople get to work on a leather-bound book containing a secret radio used during the Second World War, a pair of vintage seamstress scissors, a 74-year-old teddy bear, and a battered school satchel. (R)
9.00 Fake or Fortune? Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould are in the Essex countryside on the trail of Elisabeth Frink, investigating a sculpture found at a car-boot sale which could be one of the artist's Small Warrior figures. (R)
10.00 Meet the Richardsons Lucy remembers the time she was in an episode of Doctors acting alongside Fleabag star Phoebe Waller Bridge. Last in series. (R)
10.30 Newsnight Headline analysis with Victoria Derbyshire.
11.20 Unspun World with John Simpson The BBC's world affairs editor reflects on the week's major global news stories, talking to local experts from around the world.
11.50 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med? A look at the migrant boat disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023. (R)
1.20am Sign Zone: Race Across the World. The teams enter South-east Asia for the first time. (R) **2.20** Sign Zone: The Misadventures of Romesh Ranganathan. Last in series. (R) **3.20-6.30am** This Is BBC Two

STV

6.30 ITV Evening News A round-up of the day's news headlines from the UK and around the world; Weather
7.30 Emmerdale Things spiral out of control with Moira and Cain, and Rose informs Ruby their plan is working.
8.00 Coronation Street Abi reports Stefan to the police for targeting her, Toyah refuses to be blackmailed by Rowan, Leanne scales new heights within the Institute, Cassie lays her cards on the table, and Kevin teams up with Bethany.
9.00 Adam Lambert: Out, Loud & Proud American singer and Queen frontman Adam Lambert brings his own unique perspective as he explores how British LGBTQ+ artists have fought for their place in the music industry.
10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather The major stories of the day.
10.30 STV News; Weather
10.45 Peston Political magazine show hosted by Robert Peston, featuring major interviews with MPs, topical guests and cultural figures.
11.40 UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights Celina Hinchcliffe presents the best action from the latest matches in Germany, featuring Scotland v Switzerland and Germany v Hungary in Group A, and Croatia v Albania at Volksparkstadion in Group B.
12.45am Shop on TV **3.00** Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace. Foundlings track down blood relatives. (R) **3.50** Night Vision **4.45-6.00am** British Touring Car Championship Highlights. Steve Rider presents highlights of the fourth meeting of the campaign, held at Thruxton. (R)

CHANNEL 4

7.00 Channel 4 News A round-up of all the latest headlines and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, the day's sports stories and weather.
7.55 Party Election Broadcast By the Scottish National Party.
8.00 Location, Location, Location Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help Priti and Shakti find their first family home while staying close to London. Cheesemonger Julia is looking for a slice of the countryside. (R)
9.00 Grand Designs Kevin McCloud meet Graeme and Melanie, who have huge ambitions for a home in Hackney. They plan to build on a tiny twin garage plot that cost them £275,000 on a traditional Victorian terraced road. (R)
10.00 Britain's Most Expensive Houses Diana tries to secure a listing for a £30million mega-home in Mayfair, and Christine teams up with Tessa and Amy to close a deal on a Grade I listed Georgian townhouse in Bath. (R)
11.05 Murder in the Alps Triple bill. Documentary exploring a murder that has gone unsolved for 10 years; detectives hunt for a motorcyclist spotted near the crime scene; why so much attention was focused on prime suspect Zaid Al-Hilli.
1.55 FILM Benedetta (2021, 18) A 17th-century nun in Italy who has disturbing visions develops a romantic affair with another woman. Historical drama, with Virginie Efira and Charlotte Rampling. ★★★★ **4.05** Couples Come Dine with Me (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

CHANNEL 5

7.00 Super Dogs with Extraordinary Jobs A look at the work of an arson detection dog, a team of Newfoundland swim and rescue dogs, and a Bavarian Hound training to fight poachers in sub-Saharan Africa. Last in series; 5 News
8.00 Waitrose: Trouble in the Aisles? Examining the declining sales of the supermarket, which is known for being the mainstay of middle-class shoppers, while exploring the reasons for it's loss in popularity.
9.00 Cold Call June and Des finally have reason to celebrate, but they are also increasingly close to the violent criminals that they are trying to catch. Third of the four-part thriller, starring Sally Lindsay, Daniel Ryan and Paul Higgins. (R)
10.00 Trauma Room One Surgeons begin to fear that without urgent surgery fifty-three-year-old Theresa could become paralysed after she's rushed to hospital with weakness in her arms and legs. (R)
11.05 999: Emergency Call Out Paramedic Jordan and special sergeant Hannah find a known heroin-user who appears to have been assaulted by the owner of a car he was attempting to break into. Last in series. (R)
12.05am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) **1.00** PlayOJO Live Casino Show **3.00** Crossrail: Where Did It All Go Wrong? (R) **3.50** Call the Bailiffs: Time to Pay Up (R) **4.40** Wildlife SOS (R) **5.05** House Doctor **5.30** Entertainment News **5.35** Fireman Sam **5.45-6.00am** Paw Patrol

ITV2 Freeview 6

6.00am CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase With Judy Murray, Oti Mabuse and John Thomson.

7.00 Deal or No Deal Gameshow.

8.00 The Masked Singer US Two new contestants take on the reigning champion and sing a collection of songs that are synonymous with the history of New York.

9.00 Love Island The islanders continue their quest for true love.

10.05 G'wed Ted dates a sixth-former.

10.35 Family Guy Animated double bill.

11.35 American Dad! Animation.

12.05am American Dad! **12.35** Extraordinary **1.10** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.15** World's Funniest Videos **2.45** Unwind **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

ITVBe Freeview 28

7.00am Unwind with ITV **7.05** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.05** Dinner Date **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.00** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

6.00 Masters of Flip Kortney Wilson has her sights set on blonde flooring.

7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA A castle.

8.00 Dinner Date Isabel picks dates.

9.00 Million Pound Pawn A Sheffield pawnbroker takes a helicopter ride.

10.00 The Real Housewives of Cheshire: Pride The Housewives turn up and turn out for Lystra and Ashley's first Pride.

11.00 The Only Way Is Essex Reality.

11.50 Ready to Mingle Dating show.

12.50-1.00am Unwind with ITV

BBC3 Freeview 23

7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef The contest reaches the quarter-final.

7.30 The Fast and the Farmer-ish The grand final of the tractor-driving championship sees only two teams remaining, with both of them hoping to take home the trophy and title.

8.00 The Traitors US Alan has a deadly surprise for all the players.

9.00 Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster Elliot faces deportation to the UK straight into the hands of the British police. Last in series.

9.45 Catch Her If You Can Documentary following an attempt to expose a con artist.

10.20 Back to Life Double bill.

11.15 Peacock Double bill.

12.15am Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.00** Catch Her If You Can **1.30** Paranormal: The Village That Saw Aliens **2.30** Back to Life **3.25-3.55am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

BBC4 Freeview 24

7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys Michael Portillo picks up his rail journey from Warwick to Rye.

7.30 Villages by the Sea The history of Thorpeness in Suffolk.

8.00 Full Circle with Michael Palin The actor and writer heads for Australia and New Zealand.

8.50 Mull: Eagle Paradise Gordon Buchanan visits his childhood home, Mull, to explore the community of white-tailed sea eagles living there.

9.00 Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt The hunt for war criminals Adolf Eichmann and Klaus Barbie.

10.00 Remembering The Cops Cast members Katy Cavanagh-Jupe and John Henshaw reflect on the show.

10.15 The Cops Four episodes.

1.35 Great British Railway Journeys. From Warwick to Rye. **2.05** Villages by the Sea. In Suffolk. **2.35-3.35am** Rise of the Nazis: The Manhunt

5 USA Freeview 21

6.00am Home Shopping **9.00** NCIS **10.55** Entertainment News on 5 **11.00** NCIS **12.00noon** Law & Order **4.55** Entertainment News on 5 **5.00** Law & Order. Crime drama.

6.00 NCIS Triple bill. A corpse explodes before Jimmy gets the chance to examine it; the officers investigate the death of an athletics trainer; the officers investigate the death of a man on a cruise ship.

9.00 Criminal Minds Garcia crosses paths with her ex-boyfriend.

10.00 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Triple bill. The detectives investigate the attempted murder of a woman; a student counsellor is murdered; Stabler is suspended for using excessive force.

12.55am Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **1.50** The Blacklist **3.35** Criminals: Caught on Camera **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DAVE Freeview 19

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear: double bill **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France Rick's journey continues on the Spanish border and the Mediterranean coast.

7.00 Would I Lie to You? The Unseen Bits Extra material from the panel show.

7.40 Richard Osman's House of Games

9.00 QI XL With Ruby Wax and Ross Noble.

10.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

11.00 Taskmaster With Paul Sinha, Lou Sanders, Iain Stirling and Sian Gibson.

12.00m't Mock the Week **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

DRAMA Freeview 20

6.00am Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather

6.00 Waiting for God Diana enters a 'glamorous granny' competition.

6.40 Are You Being Served? The staff's coffee breaks are threatened.

7.20 Last of the Summer Wine Howard hires a surveillance team.

8.00 Miss Marple The amateur sleuth's holiday in London is interrupted by the disappearance of a cleric, which is seemingly linked to an Irish train robbery.

10.00 New Tricks The team re-examines the case of a writer found dead in a scrapyard.

11.20 Soldier, Soldier Paddy Garvey is awarded his medal at Buckingham Palace.

12.30am Footballers' Wives. Glossy drama. **1.40** Lovejoy **2.45** Classic Holby City **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

E4 Freeview 13

6.00am Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

6.00 The Big Bang Theory Double bill.

7.00 Hollyoaks Abe plays games.

7.30 Come Dine with Me IT manager and stand-up comic Ryan hosts the third dinner party of the week in Edinburgh.

8.00 Dance Moms The mothers begin to lose trust in Abby's choreography.

9.00 Gogglebox TV opinions.

10.00 Naked Attraction Singletons from Newquay and Sheffield take part.

11.05 First Dates Receptionist Natasha sits down for a meal with a chef.

12.10am The Big Bang Theory. Comedy. **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50-4.35am** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA

MORE4 Freeview 18

8.55am A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me: five episodes **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

6.55 Car S.O.S Tim Shaw and Fuzz Townshend rescue a 1973 fire engine.

7.55 The Dog House Doting owners Yvonne and Graham seek a companion for their sausage dog Baxter.

9.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics Crews help a teenager with a major brain injury after colliding with a car.

10.00 999: On the Front Line Paramedics are called out to a gardener who's slipped off a wall and damaged his leg.

11.05 24 Hours in A&E Milly brings her two-year-old son Freddie in after he jammed his thumb in a door.

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line. Medical documentary. **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

VARIATIONS

BBC SCOTLAND 7.00pm The Seven **7.30** Return to Uist. As the family settle into island life, Alex gets a traditional crofting job cutting seaweed. **8.00** Life on the Bay. The park's first-ever talent show attracts local performers. **8.30** Eat the Town. Dazza and Natalie go up against each other in the town of Thurso. **9.00** Shetland. Calder receives some devastating news. **10.00** River City **10.30** Debate Night **11.30pm-12.00m't** Icons of Football

BBC ALBA 6.00am Alba Today **5.00pm** Lon le Linda **5.15** Na Clangairean **5.30** Peicein/Petit **5.35** Gasta a' Ghraineag (Happy the Hoglet) **5.45** Su Pic (Peek Zoo) **5.50** Stoiridh **6.00** Donnie Murdo **6.10** Geamaichean Gorach **6.15** Stri **6.25** Bogaisean is Gumbalan/Bottersnikes and Gumbles **6.35** Dubhlain CBBC ALBA **6.40** Proiseact Ploigh **7.00** Thar na Loidhne **7.30** SpeakGaelic **8.00** An La **8.30** Miann na Maighdinn-mara (Mermaid Tales) **9.00** Ceol Sith. A thrilling journey into the world of fairies and folklore. **10.00** Julie Fowlis: Ceol Aig Baile **10.30** An Clo Mor. Mill worker Mairead finally leaves her husband for hotel owner Cairistiona. **11.00** Speaking Our Language: The Inside Story **12.00m't-6.00am** Alba Today

ENGLAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm Regional News; Weather **2.30-3.00** Animal Park **7.15** Regional News; Weather **7.25-7.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Labour Party. **11.00-11.10** Regional News; Weather **12.10am** The Traitors US **1.10** Euro 2024 Match Replay **2.55-6.00am** BBC News

NORTHERN IRELAND As BBC1 except: 1.35-1.45pm BBC Newsline; Weather **2.30-3.00** Animal Park **7.15-7.30** BBC Newsline; Weather **11.00-11.10** BBC Newsline; Weather **12.10am** The Traitors US **1.10** Euro 2024 Match Replay **2.55-6.00am** BBC News

BORDER As STV except: 12.50-1.00pm ITV News Border **4.15** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **6.00** ITV News Lookaround **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast **10.30-10.45** ITV News Border **12.45-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-4.45am** Unwind with ITV

UTV As STV except: 12.50-1.00pm UTV Live **4.15** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **6.00** UTV Live **6.20-6.30** Party Election Broadcast. By the Ulster Unionist Party. **10.30-10.45** UTV Live **12.45-3.00am** Shop on TV **3.50-4.45am** Unwind with ITV. Daily escape for the mind.

Sport

SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

6.00am SSN Euro Report **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news.
10.00 LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Coverage of day three of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the second round.
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 SSN Euro Matchday **8.00** SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight. Tomorrow's papers. **11.00** SSN Euro Report
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am SSN Euro Report

SKY SPORTS CRICKET

6.00am ICC Men's T20 World Cup
3.00pm LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** USA v South Africa. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Sir Vivian Richards Stadium, North Sound.
7.30 Dreams of a Nation **8.30** Best of ICC WT20 **9.00** ICC 2016 World T20 Final **9.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** Dreams of a Nation. The 2023 Cricket World Cup promised to be a special event. Could England retain their title? Would host country India's dreams come true? This documentary looks back. **11.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup
1.00am LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** England v West Indies. Coverage of the Super Eight match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium.
5.30-6.00am Best of ICC WT20

SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

6.00am EFL **8.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro
12.00noon EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **4.00** EFL Rivalries **5.30** EFL
6.00 EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights. Bradford City v Swansea City. The 2013 final at Wembley Stadium, where the Bantams were aiming to produce another cup upset. **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.00** EFL **11.00** EFL Greatest Games **1.00am** Championship Retro **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00** Best Goals: EFL Cup 2022/23 **5.30-6.00am** Best Goals: Efl Cup 23/24

TNT SPORTS 1

6.00am NBA on Fire **6.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **7.45** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa.
8.45 LIVE **Women's One-Day International Cricket** India v South Africa. Coverage of the second ODI in the three-match series from M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Karnataka, Bengaluru.
5.30pm LIVE **MLB** Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start time 5.40pm). Miami Marlins v St Louis Cardinals (Start-time 5.40pm). Coverage of the match at LoanDepot Park.
8.45 TNT Sports Reload. The best bits.
9.00 LIVE **MLB** Washington Nationals v Arizona Diamondbacks (Start-time 9.05pm). Coverage of the match at Nationals Park.
12.15am MLB Plays of the Week **12.45** UFC **3.45** TNT Sports Reload **4.15** UEFA Europa League Goals Reload **4.30** UEFA Champions League – Stories of the Finals **5.00-6.00am** UEFA Champions League Goals Show Retro

TNT SPORTS 2

6.00am WSL Championship Tour **7.00** WWE Monday Night Raw **9.30** Sign Up – Into Football **9.45** What I Wore **10.00** EuroCup Basketball **3.00pm** Badminton **5.00** WWE SmackDown Highlights **6.00** WWE Raw Highlights **7.00** TNT Sports Reload **7.30** Badminton Weekly **7.45** European Rally Championship Highlights **8.15** Sign Up – Into Football **8.30** Premier League Stories **9.00** WWE Raw Highlights **10.00** NWSL **11.00** NWSL
12.00m't LIVE **NWSL** NJ/NY Gotham FC v San Diego Wave FC (Kick-off 12.00am). Coverage of the match from Red Bull Arena.
2.15 WSL Championship Tour **3.15** Badminton **5.15** Badminton Weekly. The latest news. **5.30-6.00am** MLB Plays of the Week

EUROSPORT 1

6.00am British Speedway **7.00** European Fencing Championships **8.00** Roland-Garros **9.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Archery World Cup **11.00** Mountain Biking
12.00noon Triathlon PTO Tour **1.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **2.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia **3.00** Roland-Garros **4.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **5.00** Cycling: U23 Giro d'Italia. Highlights.
6.00 Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **6.30** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory **7.30** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **8.30** Olympic Games: The Olympians **8.40** Breaking Boundaries **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Olympic Games: Chasing Glory
12.00m't British Speedway **1.00** European Fencing Championships **2.00** The Cycling Show **2.30** Olympic Games: The Power of the Olympics **3.00** Olympic Games: Breaking Life **4.00** European Fencing Championships **5.00-6.00am** Bennetts British Superbikes

Entertainment & Factual

ITV3 Freeview 10

6.00am Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.40** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** Midsomer Murders **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.45** The Royal **12.35-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

ITV4 Freeview 26

6.00am The Derby Through the Years **6.20** Minder **7.15** The Sweeney **8.20** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.30** ITV Racing: The Opening Show **10.35** Kojak **11.35** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **12.45pm** River Monsters **1.15** Football League Legends **1.30** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot **4.20** World of Sport **4.40** The Sweeney **5.50** LIVE ITV Racing: Royal Ascot. The final race on the second day. **6.30** River Monsters **7.00** The Motorbike Show. Henry Cole joins the Bike for Life ride out. **8.00** Junk and Disorderly **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** All Elite Wrestling: Collision **12.00m't** Monster Carp **1.00** The Sweeney **1.55** The Chase Celebrity Special **2.50-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

5STAR Freeview 32

8.00am Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **9.00** Skin A&E **10.00** Accused: Stabbed My Neighbour or Defended Myself? **11.00** FILM Rise of the Footsoldier 3 (2017/18) ★★★ **1.00** A&E After Dark **2.00** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

REALLY Freeview 17

6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **4.00** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Face Doctors **10.00** Botched Bariatric **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00** Teleshopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops San Francisco

5ACTION Freeview 33

9.00am Car Pound Cops: Give Me My Car Back! **9.30** Outback Truckers **10.30** Traffic Cops **11.35** FILM Belle Starr (1941/U) ★★ **1.20** FILM Ocean's 11 (1960/PG) ★★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **10.00** Warship: Life at Sea **11.05** FILM Above the Law (1988/18) Martial arts thriller. ★★★ **1.05** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.05** Trucking Hell **3.55-4.00am** Entertainment News on 5

SKY ARTS Freeview 36

6.00am Romeo and Juliet **8.05** The Joy of Painting **9.05** Tales of the Unexpected **10.05** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.05** Discovering: Gary Oldman **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Classic Literature & Cinema **3.00** John Wayne: America at All Costs **4.00** Discovering: Bruce Willis **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Portrait Artist of the Year 2022 **9.00** Klimt and The Kiss **10.10** The Eighties **11.10** Greatest Albums Live **12.35am** Long Hot Summers: The Story of the Style Council **2.00** Bill Bailey's Musical Master Crafters: Juniors **3.00** Wonderland: From JM Barrie to JRR Tolkien **4.00** Cheltenham Literature Festival **5.00-6.00am** Auction

Fire Country
Sky Witness, 9pm
The season finale of the drama and freedom hangs on the line for Bode (Max Thieriot, left). First, though, a mudslide tears through Edgewater, putting Station 42 and Three Rock on high alert.

GOLD

7.10am The Fosters **8.05** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.40** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.40** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.30** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

YESTERDAY Freeview 27

6.10am Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Great Coastal Railway Journeys **9.00** Joanna Lumley's Japan **10.00** Bangers & Cash **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

ALIBI

7.10am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary **8.00** Father Brown **9.00** Alaska Daily **10.00** Death in Paradise. Drama. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

SKY MAX

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** An Idiot Abroad **9.00** S.W.A.T **10.00** Rob & Romesh vs The Three Lions **11.00** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip **12.00m't** Brassic **1.00** The Walking Dead **2.00** Banshee **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

SKY ATLANTIC

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets **7.55** Six Feet Under **10.05** Gomorrah **12.15pm** Game of Thrones **1.20** The Sopranos **3.30** Six Feet Under **5.40** Gomorrah **7.55** Game of Thrones **9.00** The Sympathizer **10.10** True Detective: Night Country **11.20** The Pacific **12.25am** The Wire **1.40** The Newsroom **2.50** Game of Thrones **4.00-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets

SKY WITNESS

6.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** Highway Patrol **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Blue Bloods **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** Fire Country. Action drama. **10.00** 9-1-1 **11.00** The Rookie **12.00m't** FBI **1.00** FBI: International **2.00** Road Wars **4.00** The Force: Manchester **5.00-6.00am** Air Ambulance ER

SKY COMEDY

8.00am Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Leo Reich: Literally Who Cares?! **10.15** And Just Like That **11.45** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12.45am** Silicon Valley **2.00** Sort Of **3.00** Random Acts of Flyness **3.40-5.00am** High Maintenance

DISCOVERY

6.00am How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Texas Metal **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Texas Metal **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Garage Squad **9.00** Deadliest Catch **10.00** NEW Sin City Tow **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Deadliest Catch **2.00** Sin City Tow **3.00-5.00am** Gold Rush

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

8.00am Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Fiennes: Return to the Wild **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Hitler Youth: double bill **10.00** Nazi Megastructures. The German air force. **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Europe from Above **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Made in a Day **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER: Double Dose

Radio

BBC RADIO 1

97.6-99.8MHz 6.57am Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie on Radio 1 **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Radio 1's Future Pop with Mollie King **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Radio 1's Dance Anthems **2.00** The Radio 1 Interview **2.15** Radio 1 Playlists **2.30** 6 Degrees from Jamie and Spencer **3.00** Radio 1 Relax **4.00** Radio 1 Dance **5.00-6.57am** Radio 1 Early Breakfast with Arielle Free

BBC RADIO 2

88-91MHz 6.30am The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Folk Show with Mark Radcliffe **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **3.00** Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay **4.00-6.30am** Owain Wyn Evans

BBC RADIO 3

90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **3.00** Choral Evensong **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

CHOICE
Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club
Radio 4, 6.30pm
Stand-up comic, actor, writer and weightlifter Jessica continues her look at 'unladylike' sports – and the women who play them – by turning her attention to rugby. England's Red Roses are the top-ranked international side in the world – what is it that makes some people think of rugby as unfeminine?

BBC RADIO 4

FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am Today **9.00** More or Less **9.30** To Catch a Scorpion **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** File on 4 **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Drama: Vital Signs **3.00** Money Box Live **3.30** The Artificial Human **4.00** The Media Show **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** Jessica Fostekew: Sturdy Girl Club **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Moral Maze. Michael Buerk is joined by guests for a debate on a moral issue behind the week's news. **9.00** The Long View. Exploring topical issues through history. **9.30** All in the Mind. Claudia Hammond explores the limits and potential of the human mind. **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist **11.00** Bunk Bed **11.15** Chloe Petts' Toilet Humour **11.30** Munya Chawawa's Election Doom Scroll **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00** As BBC World Service **5.20** Shipping Forecast **5.30** News **5.43** Prayer for the Day **5.45-6.00am** Farming Today

BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

693/909kHz 6.00am 5 Live Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** 5 Live News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** 6-0-6. Your football calls. **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00am** Dotun Adebayo **5.00-6.00am** Wake Up to Money

BBC RADIO SCOTLAND

FM: 92-95MHz, MW: 810kHz 6.00am Good Morning Scotland **9.00** Mornings **12.00noon** Lunchtime Live **1.32** The Afternoon Show **4.00** Drivetime **4.30** (MW) Sportsound **6.00** Sportsound **10.30** Off the Ball **12.00m't-6.00am** As BBC Radio 5 Live

TALKSPORT

1053/1089kHz 6.00am talkSPORT Breakfast with Alan Brazil. The latest topical sports stories. **10.00** Euro GameDay Warm Up **1.00pm** Euro GameDay Live **4.00** Euro GameDay Live **7.00** Euro GameDay Live **10.30** Euro Sports Bar **1.00am** Extra Time **5.00-6.00am** Early Breakfast

Movies

FILM4

11.00am It Should Happen to You (1954/U) Comedy, starring Judy Holliday. ★★★★
12.45pm The Yellow Balloon (1953/PG) Crime drama, starring Andrew Ray. ★★
2.20 Hangman's Knot (1952/PG) Western, starring Randolph Scott. ★★★★
4.00 Young Winston (1972/PG) Biopic of Winston Churchill, with Simon Ward. ★★★
6.50 Assassin's Creed (2016/12) Action adventure, starring Michael Fassbender. ★★
9.00 Hitman (2007/15) Thriller, with Timothy Olyphant and Dougray Scott. ★★★★
10.50 Mission: Impossible – Fallout (2018/12) Action thriller, starring Tom Cruise. ★★★★
1.40-3.40am Little Fockers (2010/12) Comedy sequel, starring Robert De Niro. ★★★

SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

6.50am Ride On (2023/PG) See 3.40am for details. ★★★★
9.10 Boonie Bears: Guardian Code (2023/PG) Animated adventure, with the voice of Joseph S Lambert. ★★★
10.50 The Great Escaper (2023/12) See 6.10pm for details. ★★★★
12.35pm Meg 2: The Trench (2023/12) Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
2.35 Ruthless (2023/15) Action thriller, starring Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
4.25 Am I OK? (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson. ★★★
6.10 The Great Escaper (2023/12) Drama, starring Michael Caine. ★★★★
8.00 Blue Beetle (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★★
10.10 The Exorcist: Believer (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
12.10am American Star (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane. ★★★
2.00 Ruthless (2023/15) See 2.35pm for details. ★★★★
3.40-6.00am Ride On (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★

SKY CINEMA DRAMA

4.10pm Emma (1996/U) Drama, with Gwyneth Paltrow and Jeremy Northam. ★★★★
6.15 Lamborghini: The Man Behind The Legend (2022/12) Drama, with Frank Grillo and Mira Sorvino. ★★★
8.00 Don't Worry Darling (2022/15) Thriller, starring Florence Pugh. ★★★★
10.05 Mr Holmes (2015/PG) Mystery, with Ian McKellen and Laura Linney. ★★★★
12.05am The Dry (2020/15) Drama, with Eric Bana and Genevieve O'Reilly. ★★★★
2.05 Wildhood (2021/15) Drama, with Michael Greyeyes and Steve Lund. ★★★
3.55 It Is In Us All (2022/15) Drama, with Cosmo Jarvis and Rhys Mannion. ★★★
5.35-7.20am Six Minutes to Midnight (2020/12) Drama, with Judi Dench. ★★★

SKY CINEMA FAMILY

4.00pm Twins (1988/PG) Comedy, with Arnold Schwarzenegger and Danny DeVito. ★★★
5.55 Journey to the Center of the Earth (2008/PG) Fantasy adventure, starring Brendan Fraser and Josh Hutcherson. ★★
7.35 Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (2012/PG) Fantasy adventure sequel, starring Dwayne Johnson and Michael Caine. ★★★
9.15 Breaking Point (2023/12) Drama, starring Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★★
11.05 Blueback (2022/PG) Drama, starring Mia Wasikowska and Eric Bana. ★★★
12.55am Robo-Dog (2015/PG) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Michael Campion. ★★★
2.35 The Spy Next Door (2010/PG) Comedy, starring Jackie Chan. ★★★
4.15 Problem Child (1990/PG) Comedy, starring John Ritter and Michael Oliver. ★★★
5.40-7.10am Step Dogs (2013/U) Family comedy, starring Joris Jarsky. ★★

TALKING PICTURES TV

5.35pm Bonanza
7.00 Dixon of Dock Green
8.05 The Human Jungle
9.05 Gideon's Way
10.10pm Jekyll and Hyde (1990/15) Horror, starring Michael Caine. ★★★
12.30am Maigret Mystery drama.
1.35 The Undercover Man (1949/PG) Crime thriller, starring Glenn Ford. ★★★
3.20 Stop Me Before I Kill! (1960/18) Thriller, starring Ronald Lewis. ★★★
5.25-6.00am Murder at the Grange (1952/U) Mystery, starring Frank Hawkins. ★★★

GREAT! MOVIES

5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Freedom to Give (2014/PG) Mystery, starring Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★
7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Reunited
9.00 Trigger Point (2021/12) Thriller, starring Barry Pepper and Colm Feore. ★★★
10.55 How I Spent My Summer Vacation (2012/15) Crime thriller, starring Mel Gibson and Kevin Hernandez. ★★★
1.00am Disturbing the Peace (2020/15) Thriller, with Guy Pearce and Devon Sawa. ★★
4.00-6.00am Two Wrongs (2015/PG) Thriller, starring Gillian Zinser and Ryan Blakely. ★★★

FINANCE

Asda falls down the food chain

SALES SLIDE 4%, AS RIVALS SEE RISES

ASDA has suffered a fresh slump in sales as it falls further behind its big supermarket rivals.



Industry experts Kantar said Asda's sales fell another four per cent to £4.3billion year-on-year in the three months to early June.

That compared with a 2.4 per cent rise across all grocers. Sales at arch rival Tesco grew 4.6 per cent, with takings at Sainsbury's up 4.9 per cent.

The Co-op was the only other grocery chain to suffer a drop in sales over the three-month period, by 2.3 per cent.

Asda's market share also fell again, down from 13.7 per cent a year ago to 12.8 per cent, according to Kantar.

The Leeds-based chain has lost ground amid cut-throat competition and internal turbulence since its debt-fuelled takeover by the billionaire Issa brothers and private equity partners TDR Capital in 2021.

Zuber Issa, 51, finalised a deal this month to sell his 22.5 per cent stake in Asda to TDR.

His brother, Mohsin, 52, has agreed to return to running EG Group, the brothers' global petrol forecourt empire, when Asda finally finds a chief executive to replace him.

Asda's debts stand at £4.8billion and it has been slammed by the GMB union which has accused the chain of slashing the hours of shopfloor workers.

Kantar's data showed online giant Ocado was the fastest growing grocer, with sales up 10.7 per cent over the 12 weeks to June 9. Grocery price inflation rose by 2.1 per cent in the month, well down from the 17 per cent early last year.

FISKER PULLS PLUG

MUCH-hyped American electric car maker Fisker has filed for bankruptcy protection.

The company, founded by former Aston Martin design chief Henrik Fisker, had been burning through cash as it looked to roll-out the launch of its £35,000 Ocean sports utility vehicle.

Fisker is the latest industry start-up to go bankrupt amid a host of challenges and competition from big car makers, including billionaire Elon Musk's Tesla.

BRITISH investment platform Hargreaves Lansdown yesterday confirmed it had received a fresh £5.41billion takeover approach from a consortium led by private equity giant CVC. Hargreaves' board said it would be willing to recommend the swoop, if a firm bid was made, with a deadline extended to July 19.

FTSE 100 up 49.1 at 8191.2 Oil = $84.85

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Anglo American	2389.0	+18.0
AB Foods	2495.0	+4.0
Admiral Group	2589.0	+4.0
AstraZeneca	12416.0	-12.0
Aviva PLC	474.2	+3.7
BAE Systems	1345.0	+8.0
B&M European	473.4	-1.1
BAT	2425.0	+16.0
Balfour Beatty	358.4	+8.8
Barclays	206.0	+1.1
BR Land Co	435.2	+7.4
BP	466.9	+6.2
BT	141.1	+2.5
Capita Group	14.1	+0.3
Carnival	1121.0	+42.0
Centrica	132.8	+1.4
Compass	2217.0	+21.0
Currys Plc	77.3	+0.8
Diageo	2558.0	-17.5
Direct Line	199.6	+1.2
Easyjet	452.1	+1.7
Ferguson	15810.0	+45.0
Frasers Group	862.5	+7.0
GlaxoSmithKline	1612.0	+12.0
Halfords	141.8	+0.2
Hays	101.6	+0.4
HSBC	686.5	+3.5
Imperial Brands	2007.0	+13.5
International Airlines Grp	168.1	+3.1
International Distribution Services	321.4	-1.6
ITV	76.1	-0.1
JD Sports	117.9	-2.7
Kingfisher	248.9	+3.1
Land Securities	621.0	+5.0
Legal & General	226.8	-0.8
Lloyds	55.0	+0.5
Marks & Spencer	300.9	+5.0
National Grid	894.2	+18.4
NatWest Group	310.2	+2.2
Next	9040.0	+2.0
Ocado	353.6	+6.1
Pearson	961.4	+9.0
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Prudential	700.0	+2.8
Reckitt	4377.0	-30.0
RELX	3591.0	+23.0
Rentokil Initial	455.4	+6.9
Rio Tinto	5208.0	+27.0
Rolls-Royce	467.9	+6.3
J Sainsbury	260.8	+2.0
SSE	1800.0	+61.0
Severn Trent	2391.0	+6.0
Serco	171.7	+2.8
Shell Plc	2733.5	+7.5
Smith & Nephew	987.8	+0.6
Smiths WH	1191.0	+8.0
Standard Chartered	722.0	+2.0
Taylor Wimpey	147.4	-1.2
Tesco	309.3	+2.3
Unilever	4438.0	+4.0
United Utilities	1014.5	+3.0
Vodafone	70.6	+0.9
Whitbread	2955.0	+52.0
Reach PLC	91.1	+3.1

Holiday £

Euro	1.160
Australian Dollar	1.859
Bulgarian Lev	2.188
Canadian Dollar	1.704
Egyptian Pound	60.612
New Zealand Dollar	2.005
Polish Zloty	4.855
South African Rand	22.024
Swiss Franc	1.085
Thai Baht	44.754
Turkish Lira	38.077
UAE Dirham	4.502
US Dollar	1.242

COUNTDOWN TO THE OLYMPICS


COMEBACK KING Lee has turned his hockey career around

MORTON ON A ROLL AFTER LEAN TIMES

HOCKEY

BY **MARK WOODS**

LEE MORTON reckons he has written the perfect redemption story with a pick for the Olympics four years after almost quitting the sport.

The 29-year-old is the lone Scot in the Great Britain men's hockey team for Paris, unveiled yesterday.

He will be joined in the French capital by Tokyo medallist Sarah Robertson as well as first-timers Amy Costello plus Charlotte Watson, who have made the women's line-up.

Playing at the Games seemed dead in the water when Morton was sent to train with the British youth squad and then left high and dry in the chase for a full-time contract.

But his decision to try to fight his way back into the line-up has ended with a dream ticket.

The Glaswegian said: "When I left in 2020, if I'm honest, I gave up on the Olympic dream. I thought that was it for me and I'd hit the ceiling. I had a real struggle with hockey.

"Was I going to continue? Was I going to just quit because I thought, 'I've done two Commonwealth Games with Scotland so I could continue and keep doing that? But what else is there for me to do that surpasses what I have already done?'.

"I was in a bit of a dark place over whether I continued but I got another chance.

"I kept my place, played well and saw it as a big chance. It was a roller-coaster from an extreme low to getting selected."

The men have laid down a target of a first medal since striking gold in Seoul in 1988.

As for the women, they are looking for a hat-trick of podium positions after their historic victory in Rio in 2016 and a bronze in Tokyo three years ago.

Head coach David Ralph said: "The GB women's squad has a long history at the Olympic Games and we now have the opportunity to create our own history.

"This is our moment and our chance to create memories for life.

"To the whole squad, I want to recognise their hard work and dedication they've shown.

"They have all played and will continue to play a really important role in terms of making sure the squad go into the Games in the best position."

Rory goes for gold with the Irish at Paris Games

GOLF

RORY McILROY and Shane Lowry are set to represent Ireland in the Olympics at 2018 Ryder Cup venue Le Golf National this August.

The qualifying period came to an end at the US Open on Sunday, a Major at which McIlroy let glory slip through his fingers.

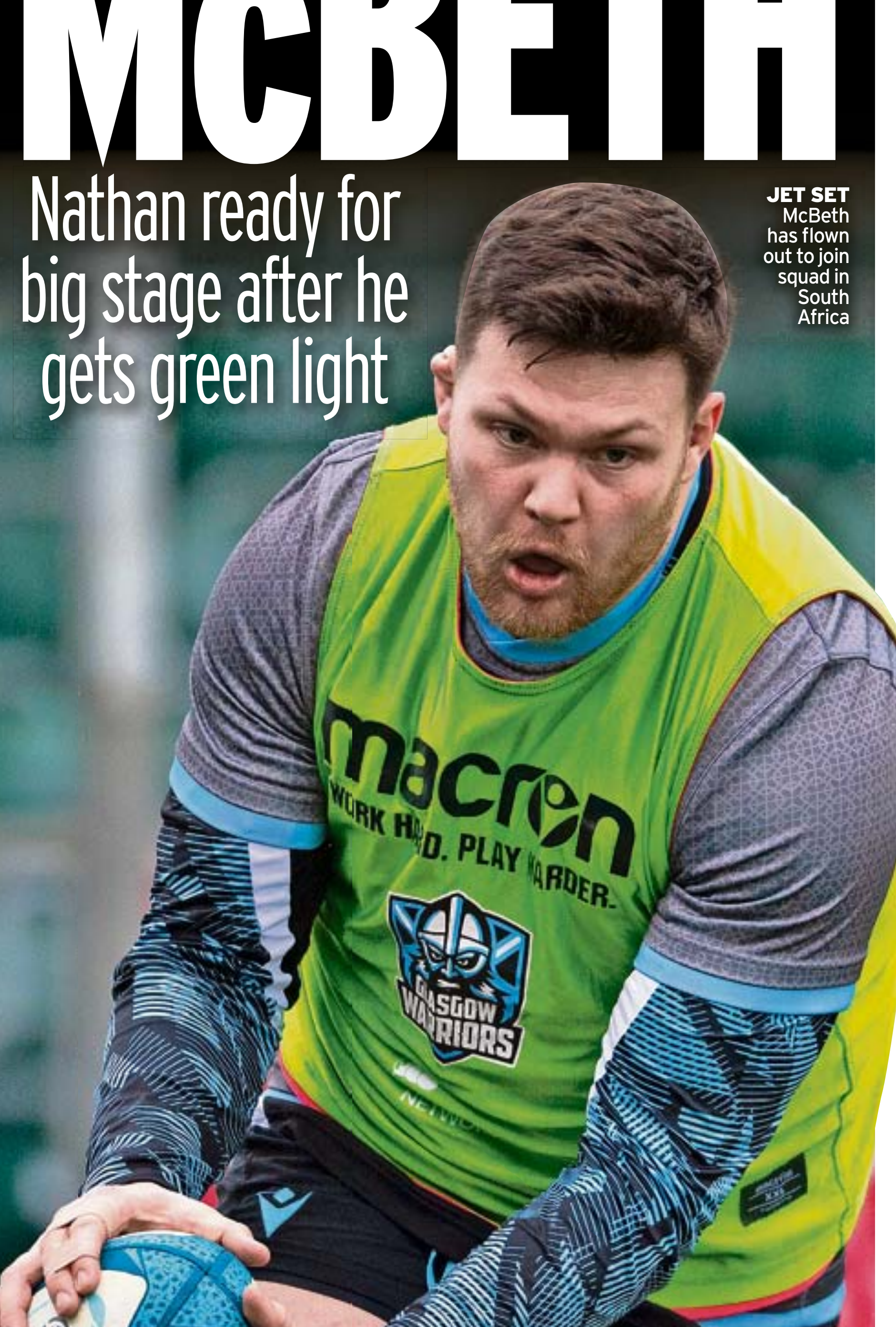
The 60-player field has golfers representing 32 different countries, with the USA boasting four who are going for gold – world No.1 Scottie Scheffler, defending champ Xander Schauffele, Wyndham Clark and Collin Morikawa.

Matthew Fitzpatrick and Tommy Fleetwood qualified for Britain, with Jon Rahm leading the charge for Spain in Paris.

URC FINAL 3 DAYS TO GO

PLAY ON McBETH

Nathan ready for big stage after he gets green light



JET SET McBeth has flown out to join squad in South Africa

BY **STUART BATHGATE**

GLASGOW have been given a boost ahead of Saturday's URC showpiece against the Bulls with the news Nathan McBeth has been passed fit to play a part in South Africa.

The former Scotland Under-20s prop missed out on Saturday's semi-final victory over Munster after being concussed in the last eight against the Stormers.

But he has passed all the tests needed to be allowed to play again and has flown out with the rest of the squad for the blockbuster in Pretoria.

Franco Smith brought Murphy Walker on to his bench in place of McBeth for the Munster clash, the only change the head coach made to the matchday 23.

The South African will now have to decide whether to keep faith in Walker or go with his original choice.

Scotland backs Stafford McDowall and Kyle Rowe have also travelled out after not being involved against the Irish side.

However, both face an uphill battle to break into the squad given how well the backs played in the 17-10 win in Limerick.

The remaining members of the Warriors squad flew out of Glasgow yesterday, including No.8 Jack Dempsey.

Although he will have little time to prepare for the battle with Bulls, Scotland cap Dempsey reckons that isn't a big issue.

He said: "At this point in the season we know who we are tactically.

"The shortened prep time is less an issue than the physical readiness and recovery.

"There are always sore bodies after a Munster game, even more so after a semi.

"Adrenalin in these big matches is what lifts you and pushes you through.

"I'm very excited and grateful to be a part of this team representing Glasgow in the final.

"To do it against such a historic club like the Bulls, who I grew up watching in the early Super Rugby days, makes it all the more special."

The Bulls beat the Warriors 40-34 in the URC just last month.

But centre Cornel Smit is taking nothing for granted and insists that match will not have a bearing.

The South African said: "We've tried not to look too much into that game.

"There was a passage in the game when we probably dominated but there was a passage when Glasgow dominated – and we almost ended up losing.

"We can take positives from that game, so can they. We have to look at what has happened for both teams since then."

Some sides like to psych themselves up for big matches but the Bulls prefer to play it cool. Smit added: "Sometimes South Africans can get a bit emotional, so we try to calm it down.

"We're not a team who bang our heads against the lockers before a game. We're calm and comfortable."

Experienced referee Andrea Piardi will be the man in the middle on Saturday.

The Italian took charge of Glasgow's semi-final, a match in which he sent Richie Gray and Matt Fagerson to the sin-bin.


NEW THREAT Ace Trump

CHINA HOLDING A TRUMP CARD

SNOOKER

JUDD TRUMP believes a Chinese wonderkid is waiting in the wings to dominate snooker.

Englishman Trump had a season to savour after clinching five titles, the same as arch rival Ronnie O'Sullivan. But the 2019 world champ reckons a new threat to their stranglehold is around the corner.

Chinese players have already made an impact, with Ding Junhui winning 14 ranking titles. Trump, 34, said: "I feel like there is going to be someone from China who comes around and blows us away.

"I feel like someone will come through in the way either Stephen Hendry or Ronnie did.

"I don't think they will come and blast seven or eight world titles, I don't think it's as easy to do now.

"But some of the Chinese players have that freedom whereas before they all looked a bit robotic.

"There will be a player who storms through."



TOOK NASTY FALL Evans

Injury could force Dan out of SW19 and Games

BY **TED TRACEY**

TEARFUL Dan Evans admitted he was "heartbroken" at the prospect of missing Wimbledon and the Olympics after suffering a knee injury at Queen's Club.

Just two days after he was named in the Great Britain squad for Paris 2024, Evans took a nasty fall on the grass in his first-round match at the cinch Championships against Brandon Nakashima.

The 34-year-old fears he has damaged medial collateral ligaments in his right knee.

He has been forced to pull out of playing doubles with Andy Murray at Queen's and will instead undergo a scan in the coming days to determine the extent of the injury.

"I'm worried, no doubt," he said. "I mean, a good thing, I thought it was my groin. That settled down pretty much straight away.

"But I think it's MCL (medial collateral ligament), sort of a bit inside of the knee. There is an issue there, that's for sure after the testing so far with the physios.

"So I've got to wait 48 hours, let it settle, and then get a scan. I'm worried, yeah. That's the bottom line. I'm in limbo.

"It's frustrating. If I miss the Olympics or Wimbledon it would be a tough one to swallow, no doubt. I don't know. I'm just, I'm heartbroken at the minute, to be honest. Yeah, it's tough."

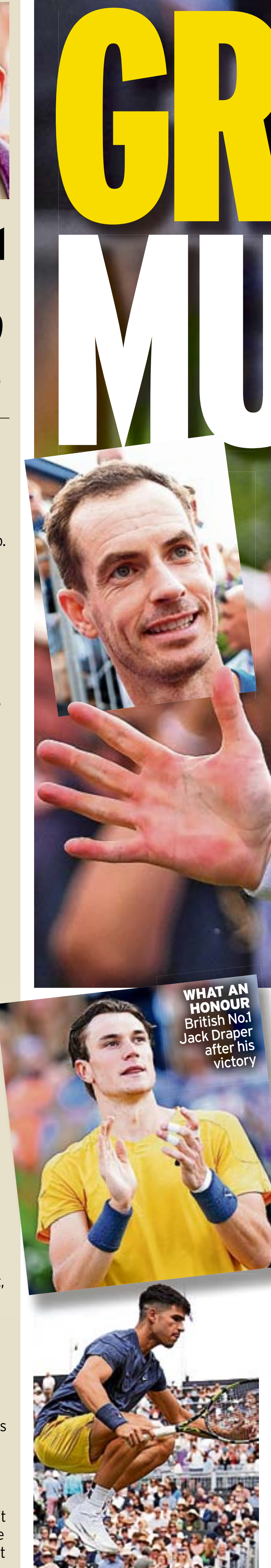
Evans is also due to play doubles with Scots legend Murray at the Olympics.

Murray said: "Dan's obviously a brilliant doubles player so that would be unfortunate.

"I don't know exactly what the situation is with that and I'm sure he doesn't know exactly either until he gets some scans and is a bit more clear."

GRANDY MURRAY

Scot wins again in 1000th match and aims to get more ahead of Wimbers



ROARING SUCCESS Andy Murray screams in delight after his victory

WHAT AN HONOUR British No.1 Jack Draper after his victory

HIGH FLIER Alcaraz will face Draper

BY **ANDY SIMS**

ANDY MURRAY made a winning start to his Queen's Club farewell with a milestone victory over Australian world No.48 Alexei Popyrin.

The 37-year-old, a record five-time champion in west London, picked up his first ATP win since March in the 1000th match of his career.

Yet, as with so many of the previous 999, Murray certainly did not make life easy for himself.

The former world No.1 dropped the second set and appeared to be struggling physically, grimacing after every serve.

But he hit back in the third, a vintage cross-court winner and fist pump lifting the crowd as he brought up break point before dispatching it with a clinical backhand on his way to a 6-3 3-6 6-3 win.

Murray, set to retire either after Wimbledon or the Olympics, said: "I've not got too many wins this year, it's been a difficult season, and I did well to come through in the end. Any win you can get is important, that's why we play.

"With Wimbledon a few weeks away I want to get some matches in my legs and some confidence. It's great to get another win here."

Murray has struggled with an ankle injury and a back issue this year to add to the fact that he is still competing at the top level with a metal hip.

He added: "I've felt better! But it was enough today.

"My mum told me it was my 1000th match and that's a lot. It's a lot of wear and tear on the body and it's not easy but I managed to push through it."

> **Any win you can get is important, that's why we play**
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> ANDY MURRAY WANTS TO FIND FORM AND CONFIDENCE AHEAD OF WIMBLEDON

Jack Draper won his first match as the new British No.1 – and set up a box-office clash with Carlos Alcaraz.

Draper, who claimed his first career title in Stuttgart on Sunday, was a comfortable 6-3 6-2 winner against Argentinian Mariano Navone in less than an hour.

"It's been amazing, the last week's been incredible," he said. "It's an amazing feeling to be back here after two years, I was injured last year.

"I'm incredibly honoured and privileged to be in this position and I'm going to keep pushing to get more results."

Draper faces the ultimate test of where his game is at when he takes on defending champion and three-time Grand Slam winner Alcaraz in the last 16.

"We all know how good Carlos is," he added. "It's an amazing match to test where I am. It will be a great match-up and I can't wait."

Alcaraz has won their two previous meetings, the second coming in Indian Wells last year when Draper had to retire through injury.

The Spaniard said: "I think a lefty player is going to be difficult here on grass. I know he's playing great tennis.

"He's coming here from winning a tournament. So I know he's playing really well on grass.

"His game suits grass, as well, with a big serve.

"He moves well and is hitting good shots, so it's going to be a good challenge for me being my second match this year on grass."

There was further British success yesterday for wild card Billy Harris.

The 29-year-old from Nottingham picked up the biggest win of his career by beating Argentine world No.32 Tomas Martin Etcheverry 6-4 3-6 6-3.

Harris will face French qualifier Giovanni Mpetshi Perricard, who was a surprise winner against American fifth seed Ben Shelton.

BILLY ABERCROMBY 1958-2024



BILLY WHIZZ With Scottish Cup and, right, Paul Lambert



ONE OF THEIR OWN Abercromby in his heyday for the Buddies

SAINT & HERO

Fitzy leads tributes to St Mirren legend Aber

BY **ANDY NEWPORT**

MEMORIES of "Aber's gonnae get ye" ringing around Love Street still raise a smile on the face of Tony Fitzpatrick.

Not because the menacing soundtrack belted out every time Billy Abercromby launched himself into one of his trademark bone-shuddering tackles wasn't a fair reflection of his on-pitch persona.

Rather, it was because off the park, there wasn't a gentler soul than the former St Mirren skipper, who has died at the age of 65.

Fitzpatrick's friendship with his old midfield sidekick spanned half a century.

It took them from the playing fields of Maryhill to the top of the Hampden steps.

Together they helped Saints to their 1987 Scottish Cup triumph, with Abercromby the man honoured with lifting the trophy for just the third time in the club's history.

Abercromby spent 13 years with St Mirren before moving on to Partick Thistle, Dunfermline, Cowdenbeath and East Stirlingshire.

In later life he faced a battle with alcoholism and after overcoming his demons was honoured with a place in the Saints' Hall of Fame.

Paying tribute to his friend, Fitzy told ***Record Sport***: "It's a sad day. We knew this was coming as he'd been ill for a while but it's still so hard to take when the news comes. Billy and I go back a long time, more than 50 years.

"We were at school together in Maryhill and came up together at St Mirren around the same time.

"I was a couple of years older than him at school but from the first day I saw him, I knew he'd be a top player.

"He loved St Mirren and the fans loved him.

"I loved that chant they had for him – 'Aber's gonnae get you!'. We played together in midfield and he was a brilliant partner because he was one of the toughest guys you'd ever meet on a pitch. I know all the other teams disliked coming up against him but the fans loved him – he was a real hero.

SAD DAY Fitzpatrick

"He's right up there among the list of St Mirren greats. He made history lifting the Scottish Cup and no one deserved it more because he worked so hard.

"The club were great with him too. We've all had hard times in our lives and Billy had his. But St Mirren were terrific during that period and supported him as much as they could.

"I'll remember Billy as a proper gentleman.

"He was a clever guy and so fun to be around. Losing him at just 65 is devastating."

The Paisley club said: "The thoughts of everyone at St Mirren are with Billy's loved ones at this difficult time."

Killie and Buddies listen out for Euros

BY **EMMA NEWLANDS**

KILMARNOCK and St Mirren will discover today who they will face in the second qualifying round of the Europa and Conference Leagues.

Bosses Derek McInnes and Stephen Robinson are preparing their troops for returns to European action to start off the new season.

Killie are unseeded going into the second-tier tournament and could face Ajax or Braga.

Molde, Sheriff Tiraspol, Rapid Vienna, HNK Rijeka, Trabzonspor, Cercle Brugge and Maribor also lie in wait.

St Mirren, who are in the second qualifying round of the Conference League, are seeded. They could go in against Kosovans Drita or Bosnians FK Sarajevo.

Killie are ranked 11th in the second qualifying round for the Europa League. If unsuccessful in qualifying, they will be demoted to the Conference League, where Chelsea and Copenhagen are the highest ranked clubs.

On the eve of the draws, keeper Kieran O'Hara, 28, signed a one-year contract extension with Killie.

Michee staying with Staggies

MICHEE EFETE has agreed a new two-year contract with Ross County.

The 27-year-old defender joined the Staggies on a deal in January after leaving Grimsby, going on to make 18 appearances.

Now Efete – born in England to Congolese parents – has signed fresh terms until 2026. Boss Don Cowie said: "We are excited to have Michee extend his time here."

CELTIC GLOVE AFFAIR IS OVER



SAFE KEEPING Celtic's Siegrist, right, on title day with Bain and Hart and, below, with his partner

Forgotten keeper Siegrist planning for life beyond Hoops

BAGGED & TAGGED

BY **MICHAEL GANNON**

FORGOTTEN man Benji Siegrist has been more on social media than on the Celtic bench in recent years.

But the Swiss shot-stopper will not be getting tagged in pictures back at Lennoxtown when the Hoops return for pre-season training next month.

The keeper has made just two League Cup appearances since the summer of 2022 and is now in talks to cut short his contract with two years left to run.

Siegrist was a star man at Dundee United and recruited by Ange Postecoglou to provide competition for No.1 Joe Hart.

However, he failed to make much of an impression and slipped behind Scott Bain in the pecking order after being injured in his first season.

The 32-year-old got even less of a sniff under Brendan Rodgers last term – with the Hoops boss preferring Bain as back-up – and ended up more on Instagram living the jet-set life with Aussie celebrity fiance Brittany Hockley than on the pitch.

Siegrist had options to depart in January but could not agree terms and Celts feared the keeper was prepared to sit in and see out his contract. But there is now a feeling from both parties they will agree a package to shake hands and part ways.



Rodgers is in the market to add two new keepers following Hart's retirement, with interest in a host of names including Martin Dubravka, who is at the Euros with Slovakia.

Siegrist admitted in an interview in his homeland his time at Celtic is all but over and he is eyeing up one final move before heading off to retirement Down Under. He said: "After my last day at work I'll leave as soon as possible. And I'll never come back here (to Celtic). No. I'm going to retire there (Australia). But not yet.

"Britt has already indicated that she could do her podcast from Europe. We're excited."

Siegrist was on Aberdeen's wish list in January and is also looking to Europe after spending six years in Scotland.

He admitted he's enjoyed his brief stint in the Glasgow goldfish bowl as he revealed some of the more wild aspects of life as an Old Firm player.

Asked about the passion in this country, he said: "More than in England. Of course there is the North London derby or the Merseyside derby. But the rivalry is never as strong as here. Especially because of the religious background.

"After defeats, Celtic players should not be seen on the streets for a while if they don't want to expose themselves to the risk of being harassed."

SAINTS STALWART Mitov

Mitov man for Dons as Saints star is on move

EXCLUSIVE
BY **SCOTT BURNS**

ABERDEEN are set to seal a stunning move for St Johnstone keeper Dimitar Mitov.

The 27-year-old Bulgaria international – Saints' Player of the Year last season – still has a year left on his contract but has a six-figure release clause.

Dons have now triggered that and been granted permission to open talks with Mitov, who only arrived from Cambridge United last summer.

Boss Jimmy Thelin wants to bring in another keeper to fight it out with Ross Doohan after Kelle Roos left on freedom of contract.

Thelin only arrived in Aberdeen over the last 24 hours but has already brought in defender Gavin Molloy from Shelbourne as well as striker Peter Ambrose from Ujpest.

It comes as Duk's agent claims his client has to leave Pittodrie this summer and blasted Aberdeen for playing the Cape Verde star as a wideman last season.

Duk joined the Reds from Benfica in July 2022 and enjoyed a superb debut campaign, netting 18 goals in all competitions.

That form caught the eye of teams such as Young Boys and several clubs in Italy, only for the 24-year-old to fail to keep it up in his second year.

But his representative Carlos Oliveira said: "Who scores 18 goals playing in his position up front, then this season they put him on the wings? He'll have to leave this summer."

Gray's Hibs to face Greek test

HIBS will take on Greek champions PAOK in their first public outing under new coach David Gray.

He'll take his squad to the Netherlands for a pre-season training camp.

After flying out on July 1, they'll face Germans MSV Duisburg in a closed-door encounter two days later.

Fans will then get their first glimpse of Gray's era the following Saturday – July 6 – against PAOK.

PENRICE PASSPORT READY FOR EUROPE

JAMES PENRICE already has his passport at the ready after revealing European football sold him on a move to Hearts.

The left-back has signed a three-year deal after his contract at relegated Livingston ran out.

The 25-year-old, who began his youth career at city rivals Hibs, caught the eye of Steven Naismith during his three years with Livi.

And the versatile defender admits he did not have to think long about the move to Gorgie, with either Europa or Conference League group stage games looming.

Penrice said: "I'm absolutely buzzing. I can't wait to get going. I thought Hearts were the next gradual step for me.

"I met the manager earlier on in the season and the project they had suited me to a tee. Everything he said, as soon I left the meeting I said, 'That's the only place for me'. It was tied up pretty quickly.

"I can't wait for the European ties. My passport's looked out! That was a big factor as well – how well the club did last season.

"I played against the club a number of times last season and it was a very difficult place to come. I'd have loved to have been on the other side and that's happened now."



GOT HIS MOVE Penrice



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MORTEN: DANES WILL FIGHT WITH NO FEAR

DENMARK assistant boss Morten Wieghorst insists they will not fear England – and expect to go toe-to-toe with them.

The Danes endured a disappointing start to the Euros with a 1-1 draw with Slovenia before having a bonding session with a barbecue and get-together in the forest.

But Wieghorst is in no doubt his players will show a reaction against England as they also look for revenge after losing to Gareth Southgate's side in the semis last time.



DETERMINED Wieghorst

Denmark are still angry England got a late winner after a penalty was given when Raheem Sterling went down in the box and they accused the ex-Three Lions winger of diving.

Now Wieghorst says they are determined to set the record straight in Frankfurt tomorrow night.

The ex-Celtic midfielder said: "Courage with us will be crucial to create a great result. I am not at all afraid or worried our players will lack courage. We must not fear anything.

"We must attack but, of course, also have respect for who we meet. We have parked the Slovenia game. Everyone agrees on the evaluation we have come up with. There is nothing new to add.

"Denmark have shown many times that we can compete against the biggest nations. That is also the expectation against England.

"Overall, we have played good games against England. We have made it difficult for them and have a team who can threaten England.

"That is why we'll also go after the victory. But it is clear we have to control the tactics in such a match. We have seen some places where we can hit them. Conversely, it is also about not standing too far back on the field."

There was negativity in the Danish media after Sunday's opener but Morten Hjulmand says the players embrace expectation levels.

The midfielder, 24, said: "I see it as positive that the Danish fans have such high expectations for the national team.

"I would have been a bit worried if people had been satisfied that we went out and played a draw against Slovenia."

John Cross



REUNITED Rio and Fabio chatting all these years on from working together

"At the World Cup, the Euros, the team played without confidence, played with fear

FABIO CAPELLO ON ENGLISH CURSE

FABIO CAPELLO reckons England are gripped by "fear" because they haven't won a trophy in 58 years.

And the Italian insists his "dream" job of managing the Three Lions was made impossible because the players were all tired going into major tournaments.

But Rio Ferdinand reckons Capello's own methods were partly to blame – with some players so hungry under the strict diets, they had to nip out to McDonald's.

The 78-year-old, who led England to the 2010 World Cup, was at Wembley to watch them lose the Euro

KOBBIE TAKES IT ALL IN

IF Kobbie Mainoo got much cooler, he would be in danger of turning to ice.

But there is little or no danger of the teenager freezing on the big stage.

England and Manchester United sensation Mainoo found himself breaking new ground again yesterday when the midfielder took part in the daily darts challenge versus the media in Blankenhain.

Many 19-year-olds will spend this summer lying on a beach, partying or even learning to drive. But Mainoo is helping England's quest to win Euro 2024, just weeks after beating Man City to FA Cup glory at Wembley.

And the youngster's ice-cold temperament is maybe his greatest gift of all. So when was the last

HUNGER GAMES FOR ENGLAND

THE THREE LIONS I BOSSED WERE TIRED & SCARED

Capello reveals all about 'dream' job... but Rio insists players were just starving!

TIRED EXCUSE Capello fears for Jude, left

BY **JOHN CROSS**

2020 final to Italy. And he claims a fear factor and fatigue combined to deny them the trophy.

Capello, talking to former defender Ferdinand on UEFA's Legends Lounge show, said: "It was my dream to manage England.

"I found a really good team but I said always that in spring you can play any team. September, March too. But in June we are tired.

"When you play the World Cup, the Euros, the team played without confidence, with fear.

"Then I remember the last game in the Euros at Wembley. They were winning, then after 20 minutes they started playing the long ball from the keeper. Why?

"They have a fear. Why? It's such a long time with no trophy."

This time around, Capello reckons tiredness could stop Jude Bellingham being the player of the tournament in Germany.

He added: "In my mind, I saw Bellingham at Real Madrid and after six months he was fantastic, incredible player. Now I think he is a little bit tired. We will see."

The 78-year-old admitted he sometimes struggled to sell the Three Lions players on his methods.

The legendary former Real Madrid and AC Milan boss said: "As a manager, every day you are fighting against 45 people.

"They look at you every day and are asking, 'What are you doing?'. They are scared. Respect is important."

That being said, 81-times capped defender Ferdinand revealed during his talk with Capello the players were so hungry, they had to sneak out for a fast food meal.

The former Manchester United star said: "Me, John Terry, Ashley Cole, Stevie, Ashley Cole, Frank Lampard, we were all there eating McDonald's like scavengers."

Ferdinand also claimed Capello tried to sign him before he moved to Leeds from West Ham in 2000.

He said: "My agent called me when I was at West Ham and said, 'Fabio wants to sign you for Roma'.

"I thought it was a joke but I think I was too young."

Capello managed some of the greatest players in history at Real Madrid but had to bin Brazil legend Ronaldo because he was always out partying.

He added: "Ronaldo was 94 kilos. When he won the World Cup in Japan he was 82 kilos. He was a leader but I had to sack him.

"Every night he was taking five or six players to a nightclub and they would party." Back to matters on the pitch in Germany and Phil Foden concedes his link-up play with talisman Bellingham "can get better".

Bernabeu star Bellingham stole the show against Serbia on Sunday as man of the match. It put Foden in the shade and Gareth Southgate has to find a way to get the best out of his both his stars.

The Manchester City attacker said: "Jude's an exceptional talent.

"He carries himself really well. He's a leader now. Our link-up play is good at times. It's improving as well and can keep getting better.

"He's an exciting talent and I enjoy playing with him."

STRIDE TO HIT EURO BULLSEYE

time he lost his head? "Maybe when we won the FA Cup," said Mainoo.

"I'm not sure where my temperament comes from. I just try to take everything in my stride.

"Things have been happening quite quickly but I just try to take it all a game at a time, a day at a time. It's just been working for me so far."

Mainoo didn't start his first Premier League game until November but has not looked back since, coming off the bench in Sunday's 1-0 win over Serbia. And he admits he is now dreaming of scoring a winning goal to help the Three Lions' chances of becoming kings of Europe this summer.

He added: "That is what everyone dreams of doing, whether you are in the squad or a kid at home watching. If I get in the team, or have chances to make an impact, if that comes in the way of scoring or defending I don't mind. Anything to help the team."

Jeremy Cross

WAGs are allowed

GARETH SOUTHGATE will allow the WAGs into England's training base after every group fixture. The gaffer is relaxed about family visits as frontman Ollie Watkins said: "It's nice the staff go the extra mile and put on these days in your downtime to spend with your family. It's hard being away."

BOOTROOM

DAILY POLL

SHOULD Lawrence Shankland start up front for Scotland tonight in Cologne?

QUICK QUIZ ?

1 Jude Bellingham's brother Jobe is at which English Championship club?
2 Teenager Arda Guler, who scored for Turkey on Euros duty yesterday, plays for which club?
3 Who is the only Irishman to have won the Tour de France?
4 Which of the Williams sisters was first to win Wimbledon and when?
5 Which country will host the 2026 Winter Olympics?
6 Which American team did Lewis Morgan play for before being snapped up by New York Red Bulls?
7 On which horse did Rachael Blackmore win back-to-back Champion Hurdles in 2021 and 2022?
8 Which Welsh cyclist helped Britain to Olympic silver while pregnant?
9 For how many professional football clubs has John McGinn played?
10 Former Scotland captain Stuart Hogg started at which pro rugby club?

ON THIS DAY



2010: France striker Nicolas Anelka was sent home from the World Cup in South Africa after refusing to apologise for his rant at manager Raymond Domenech at half-time during the 2-0 loss to Mexico.

TV SPORT

FOOTBALL: Euro 2024 – Croatia v Albania (STV/ITV 1, 1pm), Germany v Hungary (BBC One, 4.30pm), Scotland v Switzerland (BBC One, 7.30pm).
CRICKET: Women's ODI – India v South Africa (TNT Sports 1, 8.45am); Men's T20 World Cup – Super 8 (Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket, 3pm).
TENNIS: ATP Halle, WTA Berlin (Sky Sports Main Event/Tennis, 10am); Queen's (BBC Two, 1pm).
HORSE RACING: Royal Ascot (ITV4, 1.30pm & 5.50pm; STV/ITV 1, 4.15pm).

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Chef plays ketchup to fuel English

ENGLAND'S Euro dream is being fuelled by a Michelin Star chef - who revealed nothing is off the menu for the ravenous Three Lions.

Danny Schwabe, gastro king at England's luxury training base in Blankenhain, has been dishing up top-quality fare for Gareth Southgate's squad.

Schwabe, who leads a team of seven top cooks, said: "Nothing is off limits in terms of what the players are allowed to eat. Tomato ketchup is available and baked beans are a very good source of protein, so that's good."

SWISS BY NUMBERS

122,351: Highest attendance between the nations. In 1950, this huge crowd saw Scotland win 3-1 thanks to goals from Willie Bauld, Bobby Campbell and Allan Brown. Four years earlier, more than 118,000 turned up for a Hampden friendly too.

93: Years ago when the sides first met at the Stades de Charmilles in Geneva. Scotland triumphed 3-2 thanks to James Easson, William Boyd, Andy Love

42: Clubs who have had players called up for a Scotland match against the Swiss, ranging from Clyde to Tranmere Rovers.

28: Years since Scotland last won a game at a major tournament - it came against the Swiss in Birmingham with a stunning goal from Ally McCoist. Scotland have not won any game at a finals since then.

26: Total goals scored by Scotland in this fixture. The Swiss have netted 24.

16: Games between the nations, with Scotland leading by eight to five with three draws.

5: Most appearances against Switzerland, shared by Gary McAllister and Gordon Durie.

3: Top Scottish scorer against the Swiss is McCoist with three goals - two in Switzerland and one at Villa Park at Euro 96.

1: Number of players sent off, that being Andre Egli in the 1991 clash at Hampden when Scotland edged it 2-1.

CAR CRASH Porteous' horror tackle on Gundogan left, sees him shown red by ref

We'll never be best mates but I hope Scotland can bail Porto out and he gets the chance to redeem himself in the last 16

No love lost but I feel for sorry stopper



MUNICH MEMORIES Mel

Time to say auf wiedersehen to

MEL HARVEY'S CAMPERFAN DIARY

DESPITE the result and the nature of the defeat, it was with a heavy heart we left Munich.

Our pitch in the grounds of the Olympic Stadium – the car boot sale as it will forever be known – had become a real home from home with good neighbours becoming good friends. By Saturday afternoon, Saltires and bunting were being taken down and plans were being made for moving on.

Of course, the night before had started with such anticipation. Packed city centre squares, good humoured singing and banter among fans of both teams in the German sunshine, a few footballs

SCOTLAND v SWITZERLAND, TONIGHT, 8PM, BBC 1

LONG, LONELY WALK Porteous makes way as our group action starts with 5-1 demolition job

VERDICT ON A FELLOW FORMER HIBEE

TAM McMANUS

LET'S put it this way, I'm not expecting to be top of Ryan Porteous' Christmas card list this winter.

Word has got back to me the Scotland stopper hasn't been too happy with some of the things I've written about him down the years.

I've been critical of some of the silly scrapes and needless sendings-off he got himself involved in during his time at Hibs.

It's certainly not personal. My job is to give my opinion on matters at Easter Road as truthfully as I can, not to be a cheerleader for the club.

So when I thought he went over the score with a couple of tackles, I said so.

From what I gather, Ryan has taken exception to those comments and has made sure his feelings have been passed back to me.

That's fine. He has the right to think I'm talking nonsense just as I have the right to think it's about time he stopped diving into reckless challenges.

We're never going to be best mates and that's just the way it goes when you operate on the side of the business I do now.

But while Ryan might not believe this, I did actually feel for him last Friday night as he got his marching orders in Munich.

I took no joy at all seeing him being sent off against Germany.

It was the biggest game of his life, kicking off the Euros against the host nation in front of a sold-out Allianz Arena with millions more watching across the continent.

Things started badly and then only got worse.

Scotland had shipped two goals already when Porteous was forced to leap into a challenge just as Ilkay Gundogan looked set to ram home a third. Now I don't think for a second he meant the Germany skipper any harm.

But he's very lucky that Gundogan didn't suffer serious injury because his challenge was a shocker.

He's caught the Barcelona man halfway up his leg and it's only good fortune the tackle did no lasting damage.

It comes down to technique. Ryan doesn't have VAR to worry about when he's playing with Watford in the Championship.

But at big events like this, you simply can't go into a tackle with both feet off the ground and expect to get away with it.

It was a stick-on red card and a penalty.

Once the ref saw the replay, there was no way Ryan was going to be allowed to stay on the pitch.

He'll have trudged back to the dressing room feeling awful. I know from experience what that's like. OK, I've never reached the heights Ryan has in playing at a major tournament... but I have taken that long, lonely walk down the tunnel feeling like you've let everyone down.

> "At big events like this, you can't go in with both feet off the ground and expect to get away with it

During my Dundee days, I was sent off at the end of a crucial derby clash with United after trying to decapitate Barry Robson in the 88th minute.

It was a massive match, a relegation six-pointer at Dens.

We were losing 2-1 in a game we really had to win if we were to survive... and my head went.

I remember being sat on my own before the other lads came in after the final whistle knowing I'd messed it up.

Like Porto, I was handed a two-game ban and had to sit there feeling helpless as we fought in vain against the drop.

Ryan will be feeling exactly the same this week as he watches the games against Switzerland and Hungary, praying he hasn't kicked his last ball at the Euros. It's up to Steve Clarke and the rest of the team to get around him and lift his spirits.

And again, Ryan might not believe this but nothing would please me more than if the team can bail him out and Ryan gets the chance to redeem himself in the last 16.

Hopefully he gets that opportunity to shut up the critics – namely me – for good!

It's a tall order as Switzerland showed against Hungary how good they are. We simply have to be more aggressive – and by that I don't mean leaping into more X-rated tackles – if we're to keep our hopes alive going into Sunday's Hungary game.

I've joined the travelling Tartan Army in Cologne for the game but it seems the last few days drinking have taken a toll.

Most of the punters look a bit drained after a week on the lash and, I'll admit, I'm feeling the pace myself.

Yesterday was a recovery day ahead of the mayhem that awaits in Cologne.

But I will be pouring another to toast the memory of Hibs hitman Tam McCourt, who sadly died this week.

Tam was an amazing character and I was stunned to hear of his passing.

Guys like him are what make clubs like Hibs special. As well as tending to the kit, he worked as the club's groundsman.

It was his cutting craic that made him so popular, though.

He had a big chin so me and the other boys would always wind him up by calling him Bruce Forsyth or David Chinola – but he loved it!

He'd hit back any time I went back to Easter Road with another club by saying: "Oh Tam, on the bench again? Good, I've mowed a wee square behind the goals for you to warm up on!"

He was one of a kind and along with his wife Joyce and son Thomas, who also worked for the club, they formed Hibs' heart and soul.

I'll be thinking of them this week.

TRIBUTE Hibs legend McCourt

a bittersweet Munich stay as Tartan Army take it on chin then march on

being kicked about in Marienplatz. The square was eventually closed due to the sheer number of Tartan Army packed in.

The fan zone at the Olympic Stadium was the same, with stories of two-hour queues for beer.

After nabbing a priceless table at a pavement cafe and reuniting with friends there was much catching up to do about everyone's journey, hotels, which ex-players and TV pundits they'd bumped into – Ally McCoist got top marks for his concern about our friend's lost suitcase.

Then it was time for the hottest train journey ever with supporters from both sides squashed in cheek to cheek to get to the Allianz, empty beer boxes used as fans to fight the heat. It was taps aff in the carriage everywhere you looked (not mine, I hasten to add).

The long queues at security didn't dampen the spirits and the atmosphere in the ground was electric... until the 20th minute.

The less said about the rest, the better. But the company was brilliant.

More new friends to make, enterprising kids collecting empty beer cups to claim the three euro deposit, friendly if disappointed chat in the long queues for the shuttle buses back to town.

We stayed another night in Munich to take in the Saturday fixtures on TV with our new friends. Then on Sunday morning we started the long journey west to Cologne.

We had a pit stop in the countryside, pulling into the tiny village of Kircheib. With only the roughest idea of where our campsite was, we wondered how we would ever find the place.

We didn't need to worry. We soon spotted a group of Scotland fans on their way back from the village pub who directed us to the site and helped us get set up beside their vans. Room for eight motor homes and every one filled by the Tartan Army. I'm not sure the locals knew quite what had hit them.

To Cologne. More hopes and dreams but generally not much optimism.

Whatever happens, we all agree we'd do it again.

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QUESTION TIME Hutton

Future of boss now open and Hutt case

BY GAVIN BERRY

ALAN HUTTON reckons Steve Clarke's job could be under threat if his Munich flops crash out of the Euros with a whimper.

A 5-1 thrashing in the opening game from hosts Germany has left Scotland with it all to do tonight versus Switzerland – who defeated Hungary 3-1 in their Group A opener – to reach the knockout stages.

Clarke signed a new contract last year to continue leading the national team until the 2026 World Cup, having been in post since 2019 and reached two tournaments.

But former defender Hutton, capped 50 times for Scotland, told Best Online Poker Sites: "It's amazing how we can go from saying if he gets through, then he may be the greatest manager Scotland have ever had – but if they are beaten three times, he'll get sacked.

"Ultimately this is the sport we're in and it always boils down to how well you've done.

"The hierarchy will be thinking that Steve has done unbelievably well to get Scotland where they are but whether there is someone else who can take them to the next level.

"For me, a guy who has done what he's done has to be up there, you have to speak about him.

"He's been excellent and the brand of football that he plays is slowly but surely getting better.

"If he takes them through to the next round, the whole of Scotland will go crazy.

"If they don't, though, questions will be asked."



FERGIE'S TAKE ON 3 MATES

SEE PULLOUT 8

THE SORE SHANKS REDEMPTION

Battle-hardened Lawrence ready to avenge mauling in Munich

SCOTT McDERMOTT IN COLOGNE

IF he were the type to mope around every time he suffered a setback, Lawrence Shankland wouldn't be in Germany right now.

In fact, if the Scotland striker was not adept at picking himself up off the floor after taking a blow, he may have quit the game for good.

So as much as Friday night's Munich mauling was sore, Shankland wasn't down for too long.

Remember, this is a guy who didn't have a club seven years ago after leaving Aberdeen and – with his career going nowhere – wondered if he would have to look for a job elsewhere.

Don't talk to Shankland about dark moments, then.

Scotland's 5-1 defeat to the Germans was agony, of course.

But in tournament football, there is no time to dwell on it. And after the initial feeling of devastation, Shankland says it's a happy camp again.

Heading into tonight's Group A clash with Switzerland – with Steve Clarke's side needing to avoid defeat – the Hearts hitman is adamant they are ready to make amends.

The 28-year-old says the collective support network inside the camp has been vital in the aftermath of the Allianz annihilation.

And he believes the knocks all of the squad have taken at some point in their careers have helped them recover in time for Cologne.

Shankland, who could start up front, said: "It's been a big turnaround for me and hopefully my story will inspire a few people along the way.

"But that's the same with everyone in the squad. In football, everyone has their own journey and finds their way. Some have an up and down career, others are really successful. That's part and parcel of a football career.

"I probably wouldn't change much about how my own journey has been.

"It's been great and when you get moments like this, it makes all the hard work worth it.

"Of course the first game was a setback but most of us have dealt with stuff that's worse.

"To get to be in this position with the national team, I've had plenty of bumps along the road.

"It's not just success all the way. Sometimes football disappoints you, like Friday, and you find yourself going through a hard time.

"But we're all looking forward to bouncing back.

"You've obviously got that initial hurt after the match but you need to quickly get over it in tournament football when there are games coming thick and fast.

"We knew that, so the last couple of days have been spent analysing what went wrong and trying to make things better.

"There are a lot of good characters in this changing room – everyone has had to lift each other after Friday. But it wasn't too long after that we started to see some smiles on faces again."

Shankland and the rest of the Scotland team will be backed in huge numbers again tonight as they take on a Swiss side with three points already on the board. The Tartan Army have taken over another city in the hope of seeing Clarke's team pick up their first points of these finals.

Shankland hopes the fans are patient with them against Murat Yakin's men as they aim to get their tournament up and running.

He said: "All I'd say to the fans is stick with us. We know they're out here for a good time and they'll enjoy themselves regardless.

"But they were there in huge numbers on Friday night and obviously left disappointed. Just to see how many of them were there, it was an amazing experience for all of us.

"My two wee girls have been over to Germany and these are memories to show them in later life – to know their dad was lucky enough to play in this tournament.

"They're too young to realise just now. To them, I'm just dad.

"But further down the line, it will be something nice to look back on."

"We watched the Switzerland v Hungary game because you always want to see how they go.

"We got a look at them and, although every game's different, we'll analyse them and see how we feel we can get at them. The scenario's the same for us as it was at the start of the group.

"We always knew we'd probably need four points to guarantee qualification or at least give us a right good chance.

"That's still possible, so that's what everybody's focusing on.

"What do we need to do on Wednesday? Just win. That's always the case in tournament football.

"We'll look for the points and move on from there."

> "The first game was a setback but most of us have dealt with stuff that's worse"
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> LAWRENCE SHANKLAND IS STAYING POSITIVE

After the hammering from Julian Nagelsmann's side, it felt like this team were left with a mountain to climb in Group A.

And on Sunday, some of Clarke's boys did scale one – Zugspitze, Germany's highest mountain – at their Garmisch-Partenkirchen base. Shankland loved going up 10,000 feet but admits some of the squad weren't quite as relaxed.

He said: "It was an amazing experience to be up there. When you're training down in Garmisch, you can look up and see the vast size of it.

"But it's scary when you go up. There were a couple of interesting moments on the cable car – John Carver and Stuart Armstrong weren't too comfortable!

"It was great, though. We went to the summit then down the other side to the glacier, which was amazing."

WHERE ARE THEY NOW: OUR HEROES OF EURO 96

SCOTLAND'S last win at a major tournament also came against the Swiss - 28 years ago.

Since that Euro 96 victory in Birmingham, the national team have played seven games at finals without a win.

Here's a look back at that team from June 18, 1996.

ANDY GORAM
Rangers keeper won 39th of his 43 caps at Villa Park. Walked out of squad ahead of France 98. Died in 2022 at age of 58.

TOM BOYD
Celtic defender won 72 caps. Scored own goal against Brazil in the opening game of the World Cup two yeats later. He's now a Celtic ambassador.

COLIN CALDERWOOD
Tottenham stopper earned 36 caps. Managed Hibs and is now coach at Southampton.

COLIN HENDRY
One of nine players in team over the age of 30 and Blackburn defender was Tartan Army favourite. Had spell as Clyde boss and Rovers coach. Capped 51 times.

STUART McCALL
One of four Rangers players in line-up. Managed Motherwell and latterly at Sheffield United as No.2. Racked up 40 caps.

JOHN COLLINS
Celtic midfielder won 58 caps. Managed Hibs and later Hoops No.2 to Ronny Deila. Now a coaching consultant.

CRAIG BURLEY
Last Scot to score at a World Cup. Went on to win 46 caps. Now a pundit in the USA.

SCOTLAND v SWITZERLAND, 8PM, BBC ONE

MISERY IN MUNICH Shankland tries his best to trouble the Germans on gut-wrenching night

OUR 2ND GAME RECORD

HISTORY is against Scotland tonight, given only once in 11 tournaments played have they won their second game.

1954 World Cup, Switzerland: SCOTLAND 0-7 Uruguay
Scotland's heaviest defeat in a tournament.

1958 World Cup, Sweden: SCOTLAND 2-3 Paraguay
Goals from Jackie Mudie and Bobby Collins were not enough to save us.

1974 World Cup, West Germany: SCOTLAND 0-0 Brazil
Remember Billy Bremner's effort that trundled wide in Frankfurt?

1978 World Cup, Argentina: SCOTLAND 1-1 Iran
Ally MacLeod's dream turned into a nightmare in Cordoba.

1982 World Cup, Spain: SCOTLAND 1-4 Brazil
Who can forget David Narey's 'toe poke' in Seville?

1986 World Cup, Mexico: SCOTLAND 1-2 West Germany
The one with Gordon Strachan's goal and iconic celebration.

1990 World Cup, Italy: SCOTLAND 2-1 Sweden
Yes, a win thanks to Stuart McCall and a Mo Johnston penalty in Genoa.

1992 Euros, Sweden: SCOTLAND 0-2 Germany
Goals from Karl-Heinz Riedle and Stefan Effenberg did the damage.

1996 Euros, England: SCOTLAND 0-2 England
Gary McAllister's penalty miss.

1998 World Cup, France: SCOTLAND 1-1 Norway
A point is earned.

2020 Euros, Europe-wide: England 0-0 SCOTLAND
Pride regained with big Wembley display.

GORDON DURIE
This was 31st of his 43 caps. Managed East Fife and was a coach back at Rangers.

GARY McALLISTER
Skipper earned 57 caps. Later No.2 at Liverpool, Ibrox and Aston Villa. Also managed Leeds and Coventry.

TOSH McKINLAY
Celtic defender won 22 caps for his country. Now works for Hoops as a scout.

ALLY McCOIST
Scored only goal of the game in 54th of his 61 cap. Bossed Gers for three-and-a-half years. Now top pundit.



GRAEME YOUNG ANSWERS YOUR CALLS

YOU would imagine Steve Clarke is a dedicated follower of the Hotline... it's the only place in Scotland he isn't being judged.

A few het-up regulars remain consumed by every cough and splutter of events in Glasgow.

One faithful Rangers backer even has the fear before his side are back for pre-season.

Jimmy Mac, Glasgow, said: "What the hell is Philippe Clement doing to Rangers?

"Is he personally attempting to put Rangers in the relegation zone before the season has even begun?

"Clement is dragging the club backwards with the unknowns he is signing.

"Rangers must bring in Lawrence Shankland who knows what playing for Rangers truly means."

But Jimmy Mac was taken to task on his views 24 hours earlier by **Scott Gowers, Edinburgh,** who said: "He suggests Rangers bring in Bojan Miovski or Shankland and sell Cyriel Dessers. Would any team want him?

"Also, the other Scotland players were just as woeful as Callum McGregor. The only saving grace is we won't see Ryan Porteous again.

"Sorry Anthony Ralston but your performance doesn't merit a place in the next game.

"Although Clarke should take the blame as his tactics were not fit for purpose."

Scotland's trials and tribulations were on the minds of others as one regular pleaded for turf wars to be binned in a bid to unite a nation.

Tam Williamson, Lanarkshire, said: "It's shameful the anti-Celtic mob are blaming McGregor for Scotland's failure against Germany.

"It's a pity they don't get behind our country and support the lads. Oops. I forgot their so-called 'loyalty' leans towards England. Well I could bet my life England have as much chance of winning the Euros as their own skint club have of winning the SPFL."

But **Stuart Pearson** said: "More embarrassing comments from the **Hotline's** biggest embarrassment. To blame McGregor's failings on Rangers fans is totally delusional. I'm going to listen to Jilted John's song all about Gordon Ashley."

Eddie Easson, Ballingry, Fife, said: "The German game was reminiscent of the opening game in Argentina in 1978.

"We all felt Scotland were world beaters. Hopefully we can regroup and rise again.

"Instead of all the negativity, let's get behind the lads. As for Graeme Souness, who do you think you're kidding? He knew fine who CalMac was."

In between the bad blood there's still space for genuinely brilliant ideas.

Take a bow **John Robertson, Falkirk,** who said: "It's common now for football teams to take youngsters' hands to go on the pitch.

"Why can't the cameras go back a bit to get the kids in the photo as well? It would make their day."

And darts sensation Luke Littler received some support after drawing a blank when it came to identifying Celtic's in-demand Matt O'Riley.

Chris Lowe, Yoker, said: "So Luke Littler didn't know who O'Riley was in a quiz game. Don't worry Luke, you're not alone.

"All of Europe has never heard of him either as he's posted missing on European nights and can't get into an average Denmark squad.

"If Dessers played in green, the usual suspects would be touting him as the first £100million player in Scotland with his record of 22 goals with no penalties."

QUOTE OF THE DAY

'If Cyriel Dessers played in green, the usual suspects would be touting him as a £100m player for his 22 goals with no penalties'

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PREDICTIONS



KEITH JACKSON

THE glass is half empty after Munich and our chances of survival are now 50-50. Belief has been reduced to hope by the savage nature of that beating. But boss Steve Clarke continues to keep the faith and the embarrassment among his players has been palpable. If the manager gets his big decisions right, then a draw should not be beyond them.

SCOTLAND...1 SWITZERLAND...1



SCOTT McDERMOTT

THERE has to be a reaction from Scotland after Friday night because it's already at the do-or-die stage. Defeat is unthinkable but the Swiss are a decent side. Clarke's boys can get a point and set up a huge game versus Hungary on Sunday.

SCOTLAND...2 SWITZERLAND...2



MICHAEL GANNON

CONFIDENCE took a dunt after Munich but all is not lost. Scotland need to get back to doing what they did so well in games against Denmark and Spain not so long ago. We need to get our identity back and that means getting wired in, pressing hard and flooding the opposition box when the chance comes. The Swiss have similar issues to us and can be got at.

SCOTLAND...1 SWITZERLAND...1



ANDY NEWPORT

THIS won't be easy for Clarke's team, certainly not after being mullered in Munich. The Swiss showed their class as they devoured Hungary and have a tremendous tournament track record, reaching the knockout stages of the last five major finals. But we have to believe we can get a result to keep us in it going into Sunday's shoot-out with Hungary.

SCOTLAND...1 SWITZERLAND...1



GAVIN BERRY

IF there isn't a serious reaction to the Munich mauling, there could be real question marks over Clarke's future. That's how much is riding on this. You can't argue with his heroics in qualifying for two Euros but he can't afford another flop on the big stage. His troops can get a point.

SCOTLAND...1 SWITZERLAND...1



GRAEME YOUNG

THE Swiss are famous for their neutrality but I'm doing a quickfire reverse on Scotland. My misplaced belief before the horror of Munich has been replaced with a palpable sense of dread. I was the only fool who predicted a win for us against Germany. I'll happily be wrong again.

SCOTLAND...1 SWITZERLAND...3

STAGE FRIGHT MUST BE PUT RIGHT

BELOW PAR Robbo salutes Tartan Army

Scotland skipper Andy vows side will bounce back

YAKIN: THE GERMANS HAVE SHOWN US HOW

BY **SCOTT McDERMOTT**

MURAT YAKIN says Germany have given Switzerland the blueprint on how to beat Scotland.

The Swiss boss cannot wait to take on Steve Clarke's side tonight with three points already in the bag thanks to a victory over Hungary. He's expecting a reaction from the Scots, who were destroyed 5-1 by the hosts on Friday.

But Yakin believes if they follow the Germans' route to success against Clarke's boys, they can bank the points.

He said: "Scotland can play very well but we have a lot of confidence and want to continue that.

"The Scots will have prepared well and they will try to disrupt us.

"They will have to show a reaction to their game with Germany. But I hope we can play our own game as we've planned. Against Hungary, we changed a few positions to make us more dangerous.

"Did Germany show us how to beat the Scots? Yes, we have to work hard on the ball.

"It's not just about celebrating good football either. When you play Scotland you have to know what they're capable of doing.

"I'm sure they will want to hurt us with their strength."

Cologne was hit by rain storms yesterday and more are forecast for today.

But Yakin is confident his



RARING TO GO Skipper Robertson insists the squad are fired up to reignite their Euro hopes

FROM **SCOTT McDERMOTT** IN COLOGNE

MOST Scotland players didn't want to admit it.

After a Euro 2024 opening night horror show in Munich, there was plenty of soul-searching and looking for answers. Were Germany just so good that no one could live with them?

Were Scotland so appallingly bad that, irrespective of who we were playing in the tournament curtain-raiser, we'd have been turned over? But the one thing no one wanted to cough to was fear.

After all, what player worth their salt would confess to freezing on the biggest night of their career? But it can happen, even to the best of them.

And captain Andy Robertson said as much last night as he somehow tried to erase what happened at the Allianz Arena from the memory bank.

Of course it wasn't deliberate last Friday night. No player, no team, ever truly goes into a game feeling a sense of trepidation. But maybe, just maybe, some of Steve Clarke's boys got stage fright when it mattered most against the Germans, who were rampant.

That was Robertson's verdict. What matters most is that whatever nerves they were crippled by before must be gone come eight o'clock at the RheinEnergieStadion.

If they aren't?

Scotland's participation at the Euros might be over before it even feels like we've got started.

As he prepared to face the Swiss, Robertson said: "We know what we have to do, what we have to do differently. Maybe some people on the outside didn't hold out much hope for us anyway coming here.

"But we have a firm belief we have quality within the squad and that we can be a better team than we showed.

"We showed it in qualifying and we've worked on it again since Germany.

"There were two sides to it on Friday. We didn't show up but they turned in a very good performance in front of their own fans. That's why the result was what it was.

"We can't dwell on it, though. The good thing about this tournament is there's a game around the corner and in this one we want to show the Scotland we all believe in.

"There are two massive games now and we have to do better in both. That was our full focus come Sunday morning. It's important that you analyse and, believe me, things were pointed out in a very clear way.

"We've to get back to being ourselves. We haven't been ourselves... well, we weren't on Friday night. But we have to remember what we were good at before.

"We have to get back to trusting ourselves and whoever's next to us on the pitch.

"You saw that in abundance in the qualifiers – we were full of belief, trust, we were going for every ball.

"Maybe on Friday we played with a little fear and that has to change.

"Germany surprised us, pushing our backline back, which was too deep.

"When that happens, you're just waiting to be punished – and they were clinical in front of goal.

"Trust me, we tried to sort it out on the pitch. But when you can't get the ball and they have a guy like Toni Kroos, it's hard and it just unravels.

"We know – and the whole country knows – we should have done better. But we want to look forward now, not back."

Clarke was honest enough in the aftermath to admit he also wasn't at his best in the Allianz.

He said he gave the players too much information in the build-up and their game plan became muddled.

But Robertson was prepared to take some heat off his gaffer.

He offered up no excuses from the players who simply didn't perform when it mattered most.

And the skipper is determined to change all of that tonight in Cologne.

He said: "Obviously it wasn't easy. We were up against a really good team and we didn't show up, which always makes it difficult against one of the best. We got punished for sure.

"There were a lot of disappointed faces on Saturday morning.

"But I gave them until dinner time that night to get over it and move on because there are two more games.

"We want to play how Scotland can play, which is to our strengths.

"Hopefully it's different here on Wednesday. Everyone assessed themselves after the game and maybe the gaffer was harsh on himself.

"Maybe he thinks he gave us too much information but he was pretty clear.

"Listen, some of us didn't give our best and that's difficult from a player's point of view.

"Every player took Saturday to look at themselves and come to a better place from it. That's when we drew a line.

"This is a fantastic tournament and we want to get the most we can from it.

"But to do that, we need to play a lot better than we did against Germany.

"We want to show this tournament what Scotland is about and the best way to do that is to get a result."

> **"We should have done better. But we want to look forward now, not back"**
> ANDY ROBERTSON INSISTS SQUAD ARE READY

Andy tells Roy he'll do talking on pitch

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good talking after the game about, 'We had a game plan'. It's rubbish.

"Andy Robertson, it's just rubbish coming out.

"They are talking about creating history. They're creating history, all right – by playing as badly as that, letting their manager and supporters down."

Robertson didn't name Keane during his media conference in Cologne last night ahead of the vital Group A showdown with Switzerland.

But the Liverpool defender had a pop back at Scotland's critics and insists they are capable of making an impact at the Euros.

He's convinced they'll show a reaction from the Munich mauling as they look to get points on the board against Murat Yakin's men.

Robertson agreed that talk is now cheap as he said: "I could sit and talk all night but it won't make a difference.

"It's easy to talk before or after a game but not so easy to go out and do it.

"That's what we need to do – we need action now.

"A lot of people were critical, a lot of people from the outside probably couldn't wait to dip in.

"That's what they're paid to do and we respect that.

"All we know is we have to do a lot better on the pitch.

"We need to be confident, to play to our highest level and if we do, we can cause any team problems.

"If we get the result we want, then we can talk afterwards and it'll be a much happier chat.

"There was a lot of hype surrounding us from our own country before the opening game, there was a lot of excitement and we want that. But we let everyone down.

"The support we got in Munich was among the best I've ever had in my career and we now owe them a result."



TO ROLL OVER SCOTLAND

players won't slip up on the sodden pitch.

The Swiss boss added: "If it's difficult to play on the pitch, my players will adapt."

Defender Manuel Akanji isn't about to take Scotland lightly after their disastrous defeat in Munich on the opening night. The 28-year-old Manchester City stopper has played against several Scots in the Premier League and rates them highly, especially Aston Villa star John McGinn.

Akanji said: "I know and have played against a lot of the Scottish players. McGinn has had a really good season at Aston Villa.

"He's powerful on the ball but also works so hard.

"Scott McTominay had a very good season at Manchester United too and everyone knows about Andy Robertson."



CONFIDENT Yakin





OUT OF DUTCH Hendry

Jack gets a boot in Bos from Dutch hero Johan

BY IAN ORR

DUTCH legend Johan Boskamp has slaughtered Scotland defender Jack Hendry, insisting he can turn quicker than him... at the age of 75.

And he also took a pot shot at the whole of Steve Clark's side, branding them the worst team at the Euros by a distance.

Scotland play the Swiss tonight, desperate to bounce back after their 5-1 defeat to Germany.

Boskamp played for the Dutch side that reached the World Cup Final in 1978 and went on to manage Anderlecht, Genk as well as Standard Liege.

Hendry had a spell in Belgium with Oostende plus Brugge but Boskamp isn't a fan.

The former midfielder said: "With Hendry in the team, you are always going to have a hard time at this level. Even at my advanced age I could still turn faster than that guy.

"Only one team have really been outplayed at the Euros – Scotland.

"How weak were they in that opening match?

"Scotland are by far the weakest team I have seen at this European Championship."

HAPPY TO

Clarke shares his private thoughts as he tries to rebuild devastated players and make sure they hit peak condition as they prepare to climb a Euro mountain

KEITH JACKSON IN COLOGNE

STEVE CLARKE stopped and paused for a moment to take in the view as he stared up towards the tallest peak in Germany.

Zugspitze towers over Scotland's training base in Garmisch-Partenkirchen in the Bavarian Alps and on a clear day is spectacular enough to take the breath away.

"It really is beautiful here, isn't it?" said Scotland's manager as the pair of us shared a brief walk from the media centre towards our hotels. It was impossible not to agree. With a wink and the merest hint of a smile, Clarke added: "Well let's stay for a wee while longer then, eh?"

At the moment the thought occurred the national boss may never have been more serious or more certain than he is right now ahead of a match that just might define his entire legacy in the job.

Beat Switzerland, or even scrape a draw tonight, and Clarke and his players will stay alive in this tournament for the time being at least – even though the beating they took off Germany ought to have left them for dead.

And yet, strangely, Clarke appears to have entered an almost Zen-like state of mind.

He booted some backsides and wrapped an arm around some shoulders over the course of Saturday and Sunday after that inexplicably hideous malfunction in Munich.

But, most of all, Clarke appears to have rediscovered his own sense of self-belief, even if the rest of the country has been left to wrestle with feelings of considerable doubt.

And, God forbid, even some of his own players too.

"Maybe," Clarke mused when it was put to him the 5-1 thrashing – coupled with a miserable run coming into this summer's finals – might have burdened his squad with some kind of inferiority complex.

He added: "But it is time to get that back and we don't have long to do it."

He's not kidding either.

Still with wounds to lick, Scotland boarded a flight to Cologne yesterday knowing a second successive Group A defeat would be unsurvivable.

And yet, it almost feels as if Clarke knows something that the rest of us do not.

He said: "It's all about working on the mind to give them that confidence back and then making sure we have everything correct in terms of tactics, bodies on the pitch and how we play.

"That might just give them that bit of belief.

"It does not take long for the confidence to come back to a footballer who knows he's a good player.

"If he is a little bit down, a little bit hesitant, but we start the Swiss game well, then we'll be fine." He's either a great man manager in moments of extreme pressure or a very good bluffer.

Either way, we won't have to wait long to find out as Clarke added: "Because the games come around so quickly, we are chasing the clock on this one.

"The vast majority of us have been together for so long, it does not take much to remember what we are trying to do and how we work. We work quite well together.

"If we didn't work quite well together, I would not be sitting here and somebody else would be taking the team!"

If Clarke repeats the same mistakes he made in Munich, it could be someone's else's turn quicker than he thinks. It is impossible to envisage any way in which Billy Gilmour will be left on his bench again, given the unfathomable manner with which Scotland surrendered the entirety of midfield to their hosts.

But is Clarke willing to admit this specific decision was at the heart of that crushing defeat?

Well, no. Not really.

"It is impossible to answer," Clarke said with a shake of the head.

"In a 5-1 game – where we were never in the game – is one player really going to make that amount of difference?

"Maybe by talking about Billy in that context we are putting too much pressure on him. If he is selected for the next game, let him go into it with a clear head."

The Swiss go into tonight's showdown on a high after a 3-1 win over Hungary and Clarke said: "You sort of forget Switzerland a little bit. But they are serial qualifiers."

It was put to Clarke that Switzerland almost always make the last 16, at which point that knowing smile threatened to break out again.

He nodded and said: "Yeah, that's true. So let's try to be more like Switzerland!"

Now does that sound like a man who is ready to pack up and go home?

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ALP

> It doesn't take long for confidence to come back to a player who knows he's good

STEVE CLARKE ON BOOSTING BELIEF

BILLY'S BOOT Clarke, taking training before taking off for Cologne, refuses to accept call to leave Gilmour, left, out was key to German loss

NO POINT GOING FOR THE DRAW

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would be enough to keep the Scots alive heading into that final Group A game in Stuttgart.

However, the boss insisted there will be no confusion over the target he has set as he aims to get these finals up and running with a first win.

Clarke said: "To go into the game thinking we only need a point is dangerous.

"So we'll go there to win it and to be as positive as we can. Then we'll see where that takes us.

"But it's more about making sure we perform as well as we can play.

"If we can do that, we'll be pretty confident that we can get something from the game."

Clarke was keen to keep it brief in front of the cameras and to avoid making promises that cannot be kept.

But repeatedly he demanded a massive uplift in performance level after that opening night 5-1 thrashing against the Germans in Munich.

He added: "The Swiss are a difficult opponent so I expect a difficult game. But for us, we need to regroup and go again.

"It's about doing better. I don't want to put any labels on it.

"It's about doing better and working better into the game.

"We thought we were well prepared for Germany and obviously we weren't.

"So this time we don't want to say too much and hopefully our actions on the pitch will show that we have prepared well.

"And a positive result would be lovely."

Asked if his players are itching for the opportunity to get back into tournament action, he said: "They want to go back out on the pitch and play better.

"That's pretty standard, really, when you have played so poorly and you've let yourself down.

"You want to go out and make amends for it and that's where their mentality is.

"It's always important for players to keep their emotions in check and understand what we need to get from the game, to understand how we approach the game.

"We didn't start well at all against Germany. After seven minutes we were chasing the game and after 20 minutes it was looking like a long night.

"So we need to make sure we start well and do better, make sure we get a good foothold in the game right from the start."

And Clarke admits he can't be certain what to expect from Murat Yakin, whose Switzerland side opened up with a 3-1 win over Hungary on Saturday.

He said: "I think he tweaked the system on Saturday – I don't think it was a radical change but it was definitely a tweak to the system – and the way he used certain players within that system.

"Whether they used that specifically for the Hungarians or whether they have something up their sleeve for us, we won't know until we get on the pitch.

"We have to be prepared for anything, we have to be as well prepared as we can be. We think we are."



SHOCK TO SYSTEM Boss Yakin



DON'T GET DRAWN IN

FROM **KEITH JACKSON** IN COLOGNE

SCOTLAND boss Steve Clarke arrived in storm-battered Cologne last night and immediately warned his players they could sink their own Euros dream by playing for a draw against the Swiss.

Clarke, right, kept his messaging brief at the official pre-match press conference by admitting his team "must do better" as thunder and lightning ripped through Rhineland.

Tonight's game could either send them home early or set up a qualification cup final against Hungary on Sunday. One point

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TALK IS CHEAP ROY

Andy vows to do talking on the pitch as Scots bid to shut up pundit Keane

BACK CHAT Robertson wants to make pundits like Keane, below, eat their words in Cologne

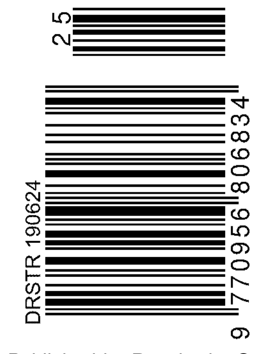
FROM **SCOTT McDERMOTT IN** COLOGNE

ANDY ROBERTSON has hit back at Roy Keane and insists Scotland are ready to do their talking on the pitch at Euro 2024.

The skipper believes several pundits – including the former Manchester United captain – could not wait to be critical of Steve Clarke's side after opening with a 5-1 defeat to Germany.

In his ITV post-match analysis, outspoken Keane slated Robertson's on-pitch interview and said: "It's no

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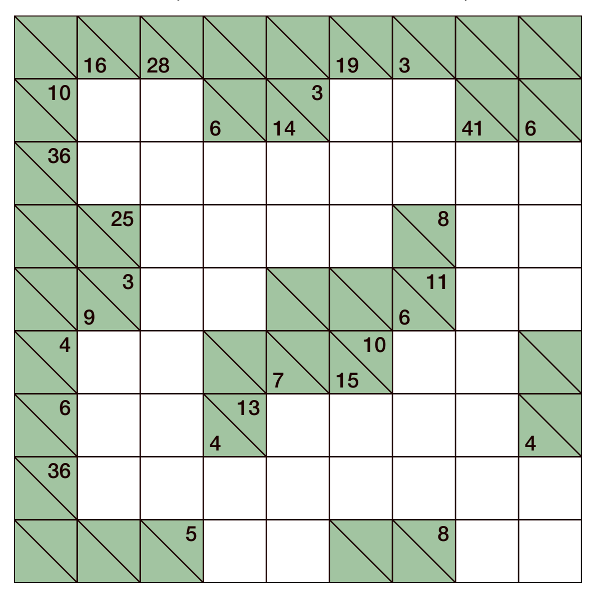
BIG X SUDOKU

The rules for Big X Sudoku vary only slightly from the standard sudoku rules. The 9x9 sudoku at the centre of the X shares four of its 3x3 boxes with those of the outer sudoku. None of the 9x9 sudokus can be solved individually, you must cross-reference between the intersecting grids.

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KAKURO

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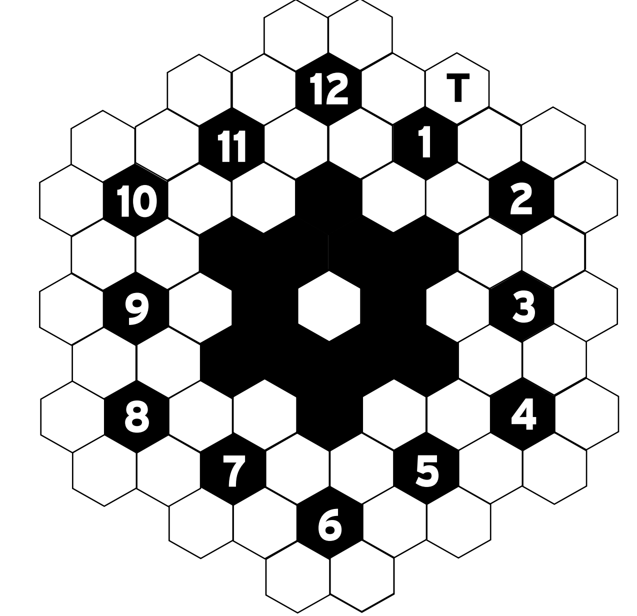
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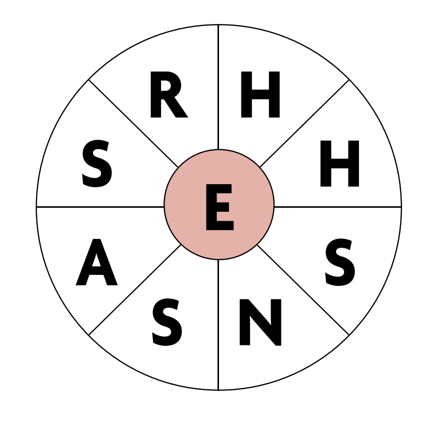
All the solutions read clockwise around their numbers. The solution to clue number 1 starts from the given letter.

1 Rang
2 More time
3 Both
4 Ditch
5 Type of acid
6 Tie up
7 Powwow
8 Refused
9 Tainted
10 Overturns
11 Propels
12 Formulate



WORD WHEEL

You have 10 mins to find as many words as possible using the letters in the wheel. Each must use the hub letter and at least 3 others. Letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns. There is at least one 9-letter word to be found.
How you rate:
20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 or more, excellent.



FUTOSHIKI

Insert the numbers one to five in each row and each column, making sure that no number is repeated. The only symbols to guide you are the "greater than" (>) and "less than" (<) signs.

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EXTRA PUZZLES

GOGEN

Insert letters to form the listed words, moving between adjacent cells horizontally, vertically or diagonally in any direction. Insert all the remaining letters of the alphabet (except Z) in the grid so all the listed words are spelt out in this way.

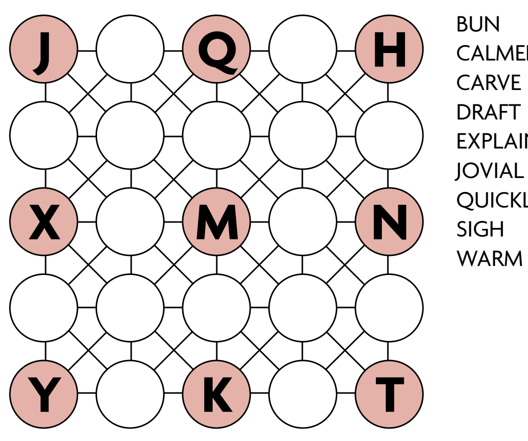
1

H		M		X
I		V		Q
Y		F		J

BEST
COAX
CONQUEST
CRISP
FLUNG
FUG
JUNK
MOVED
PITCH
THROWN
TIDY

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y

2



BUN
CALMED
CARVE
DRAFT
EXPLAIN
JOVIAL
QUICKLY
SIGH
WARM

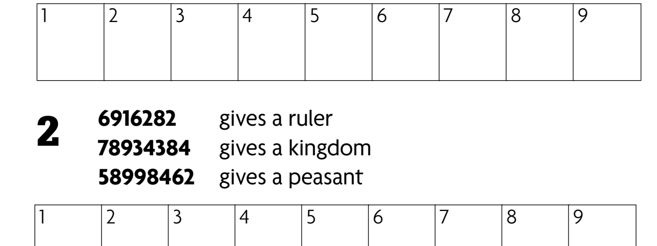
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NINER

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

1
7862921 gives a whole number
252328 gives a number
61755748 gives a million million

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

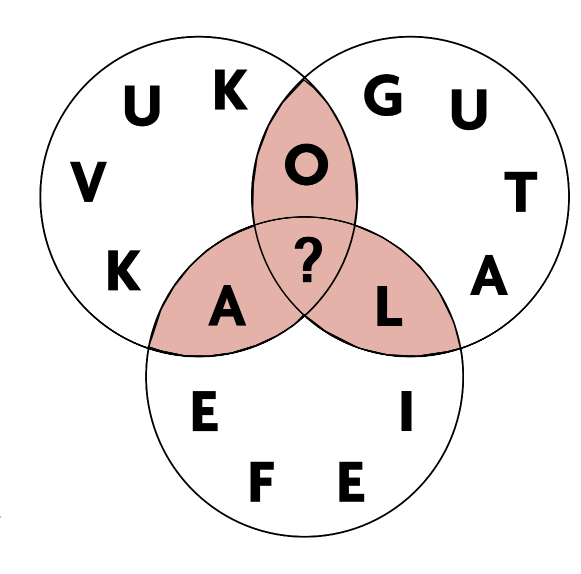


2
6916282 gives a ruler
78934384 gives a kingdom
58998462 gives a peasant

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

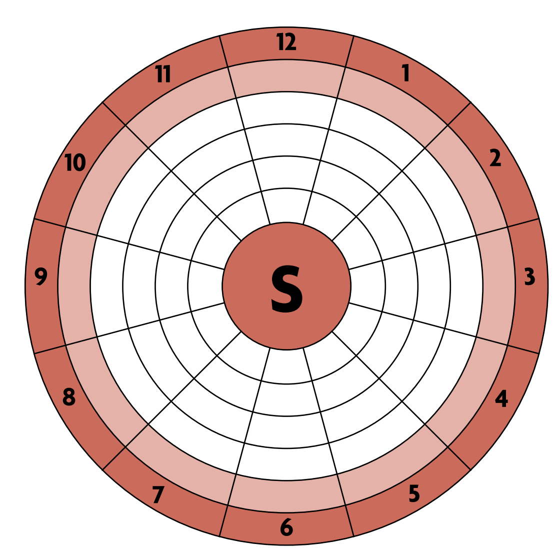
CIRCLEGRAM

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words, names or terms on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



CLOCKWORD

The solutions from 1 to 12 are all six-letter words ending with the letter S in the centre. Moving clockwise from 1, the letters in the outer ring will spell out a famous person. Hint: French painter.

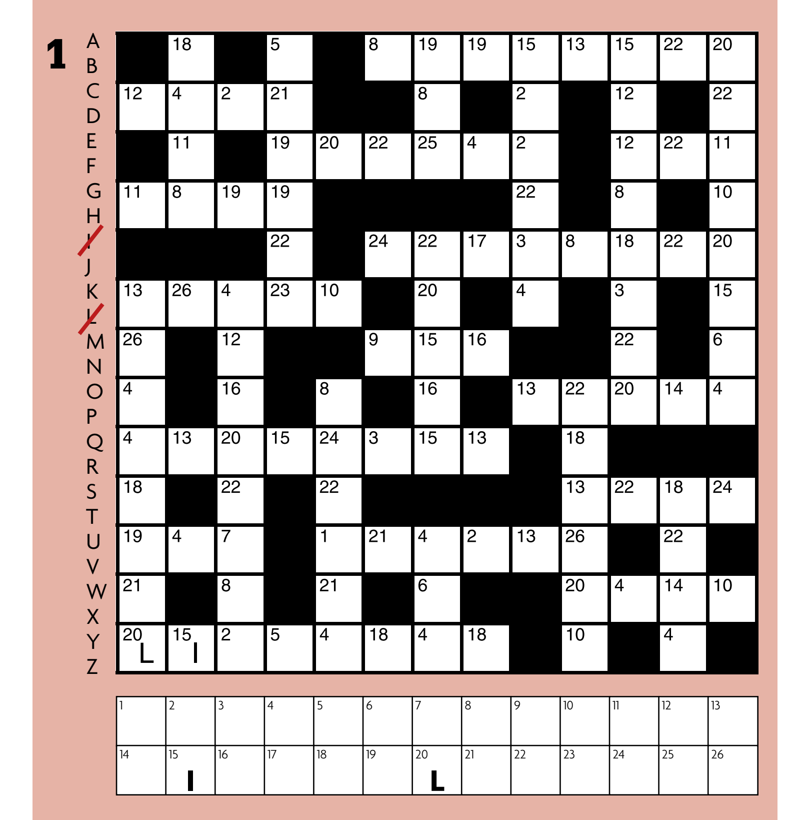


1. Arm joints
2. Intimidates
3. Speaks
4. Joins
5. Capers
6. Kingdoms
7. Fears
8. Colourful birds
9. Maltreats
10. Fractions
11. Corrects
12. Dissertations

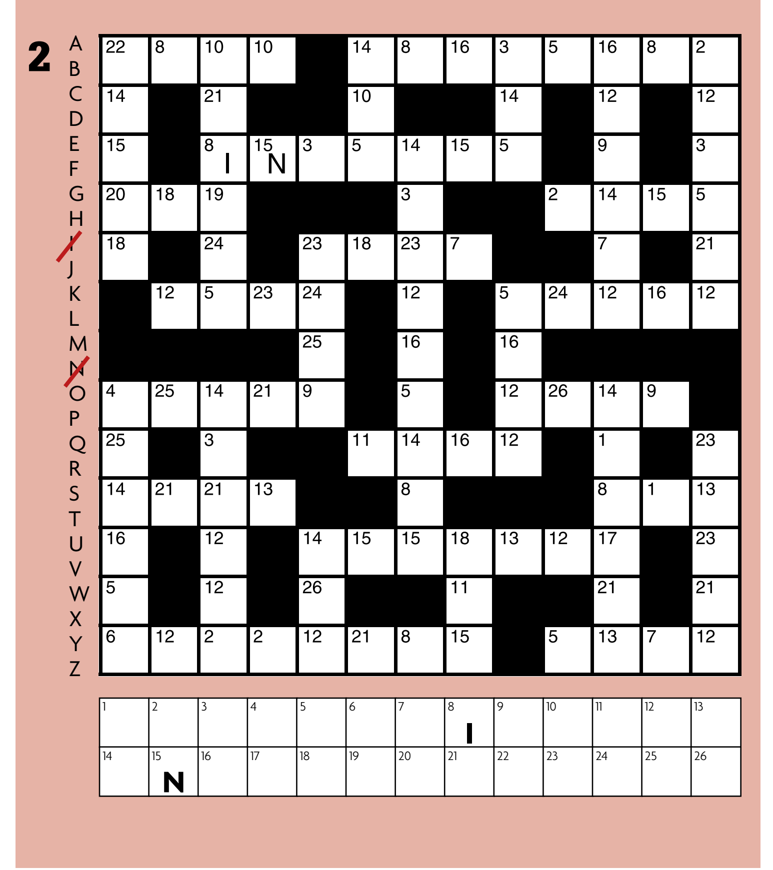
CODEWORD

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

1

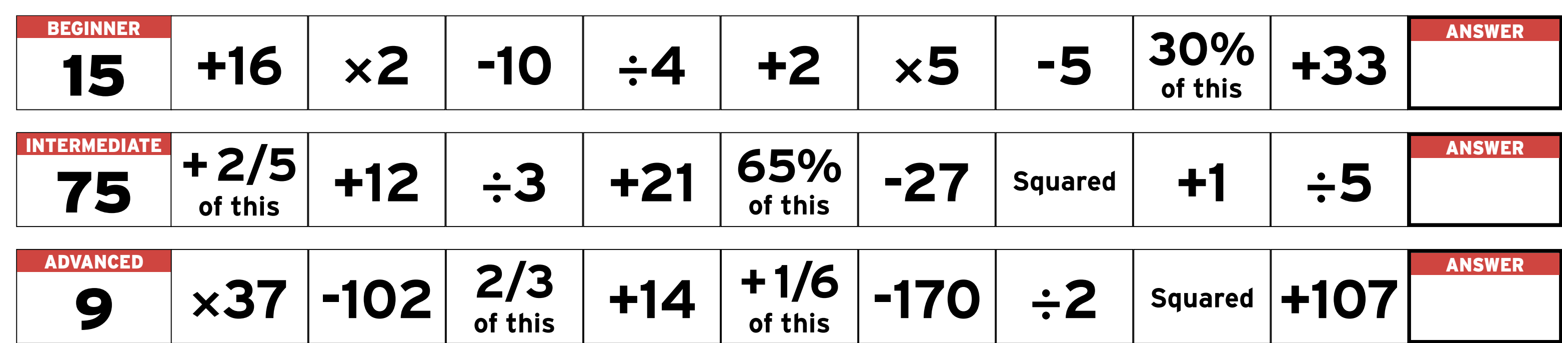


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30-SEC BRAIN TEASER

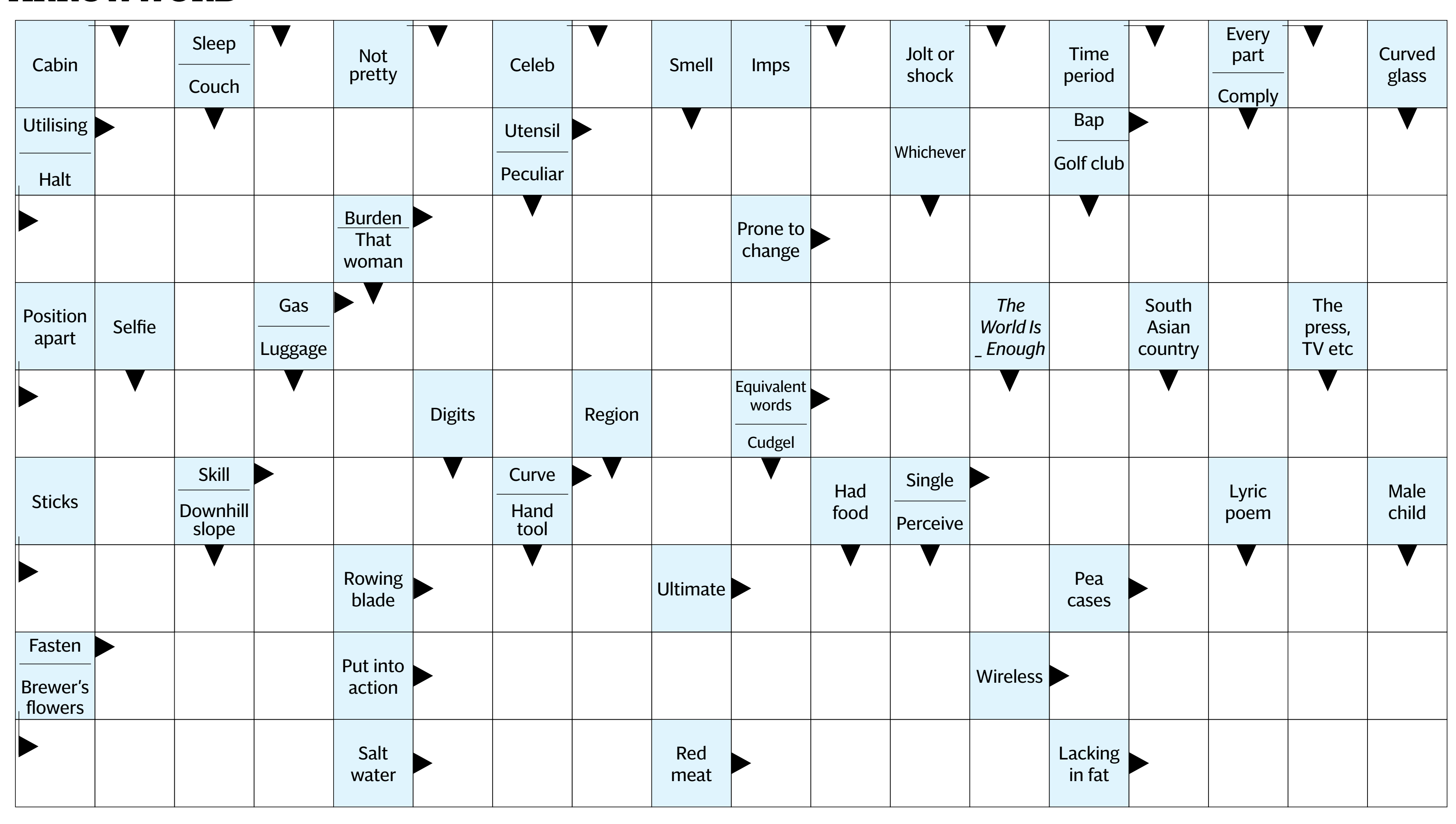
Boost your brain power with our 30-second test. Start with the number on the left and follow the instructions. Beginners should aim to complete the puzzle in 30 seconds. Intermediates should finish their own puzzle and the Beginner's Challenge. Genius players have 30 seconds to complete their own plus the Intermediate. Good luck!



BEGINNER 15	+16	×2	-10	÷4	+2	×5	-5	30% of this	+33	ANSWER
INTERMEDIATE 75	+2/5 of this	+12	÷3	+21	65% of this	-27	Squared	+1	÷5	ANSWER
ADVANCED 9	×37	-102	2/3 of this	+14	+1/6 of this	-170	÷2	Squared	+107	ANSWER

ARROWWORD

The arrows show the direction in which the answer to each clue should be placed.



PATHFINDER

Beginning in the top left-hand corner, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

BAKERY ITEMS

B	L	S	E	A	T	B	A	B	T	O	I	E	E	A
A	E	H	A	L	O	A	R	R	S	T	T	P	T	C
G	E	C	B	U	C	O	T	I	H	A	R	A	A	A
C	L	T	N	N	D	H	H	A	L	L	A	T	H	K
R	O	I	A	N	A	C	C	H	R	E	I	O	H	E
R	A	S	S	I	S	U	A	N	O	L	G	A	P	U
M	B	C	O	I	H	P	A	I	P	L	O	N	E	M
C	E	H	B	R	S	A	P	E	A	T	T	R	E	P
A	P	R	Y	R	T	E	T	T	N	E	I	N	U	F
K	E	E	T	A	G	U	P	A	S	L	C	A	M	F
A	O	T	Z	B	I	T	A	H	C	E	K	I	N	I
T	C	E	E	L	T	T	A	C	O	N	C	C	B	A
K	A	P	M	C	A	B	A	O	S	E	A	F	I	T
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F	A	B	U	T	T	Y	C	A	B	A	D	R	O	H

SOLUTIONS

BIG X SUDOKU

3	1	6	4	5	9	2	7	8				3	8	9	4	6	7	5	2	1
9	4	5	7	2	8	1	6	3				2	7	6	5	3	1	9	8	4
2	8	7	1	3	6	5	4	9				5	4	1	9	8	2	3	6	7
4	2	8	3	9	7	6	1	5				1	2	7	6	9	3	4	5	8
6	3	1	5	8	2	4	9	7				4	5	3	2	7	8	6	1	9
7	5	9	6	1	4	8	3	2				6	9	8	1	5	4	2	7	3
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1	2	5	6	3	8	7	9	4				3	5	2	1	6	8	4	7	9

GOGEN

1

H	C	M	A	X
T	R	O	W	K
I	S	V	N	Q
P	D	E	U	G
Y	B	F	L	J

2

J	O	Q	B	H
D	E	V	U	G
X	R	M	I	N
P	L	A	C	S
Y	W	K	F	T

FUTOSHIKI

2	5	1	4	3
3	1	4	2	5
4	3 >	2	5 >	1
1 <	2	5	3 <	4
5 >	4	3	1	2

KAKURO

	9	1			2	1		
	7	5	3	6	8	2	4	1
		6	2	8	9		6	2
		2	1				8	3
	1	3				1	9	
	2	4		1	7	3	2	
	6	7	1	4	8	2	5	3
			3	2			7	1

ARROWWORD

	H		K		U		S			E		J		E		A	
	U	S	I	N	G		T	O	O	L		A		R	O	L	L
S	T	O	P		L	O	A	D		V	A	R	I	A	B	L	E
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H	O	P	S		S	E	A		B	E	E	F		L	E	A	N

HONEYCOMB

1 Tolled, 2 Longer, 3 Either, 4 Trench, 5 Nitric, 6 Tether, 7 Huddle, 8 Denied, 9 Impure, 10 Upends, 11 Drives, 12 Devise.

WORD WHEEL

HARSHNESS

CLOCKWORD

1 Elbows, 2 Daunts, 3 Orates, 4 Unites, 5 Antics, 6 Realms, 7 Dreads, 8 Macaws, 9 Abuses, 10 Ninths, 11 Emends, 12 Theses. Twelve letter solution: Edouard Manet.

CIRCLEGRAM

The letter represented by the question mark is R. Refaeli, Kurkova, Goulart, all fashion models.

KILLER SUDOKU

1	8	4	2	7	3	5	9	6
7	5	6	9	4	1	2	3	8
9	3	2	5	6	8	4	7	1
3	6	5	4	1	9	8	2	7
8	4	7	6	2	5	3	1	9
2	9	1	3	8	7	6	4	5
6	1	3	7	5	4	9	8	2
4	2	8	1	9	6	7	5	3
5	7	9	8	3	2	1	6	4

30-SECOND BRAIN TEASER

54, 29, 276

CODEWORD

1 1=Q, 2=N, 3=T, 4=E, 5=G, 6=K, 7=Z, 8=O, 9=J, 10=Y, 11=D, 12=M, 13=C, 14=V, 15=I, 16=B, 17=S, 18=R, 19=F, 20=L, 21=U, 22=A, 23=W, 24=P, 25=X, 26=H

2 1=V, 2=P, 3=S, 4=Q, 5=T, 6=Z, 7=K, 8=I, 9=M, 10=F, 11=W, 12=E, 13=Y, 14=A, 15=N, 16=R, 17=D, 18=O, 19=G, 20=J, 21=L, 22=B, 23=C, 24=H, 25=U, 26=X

NINER

1 REVOLTING
2 PRINCEDOM

PATHFINDER

Bagel, croissant, Chelsea bun, Danish pastry, brioche, barm cake, pretzel, crumpet, oatcake, farl, buttery, ciabatta, chapati, baguette, pain au chocolat, bara brith, challah, stottie, paratha, teacake, hoagie roll, panettone, pumpernickel, scone, soda bread, roti, focaccia, muffin, batch.

COFFEE BREAK CORNER

NINER

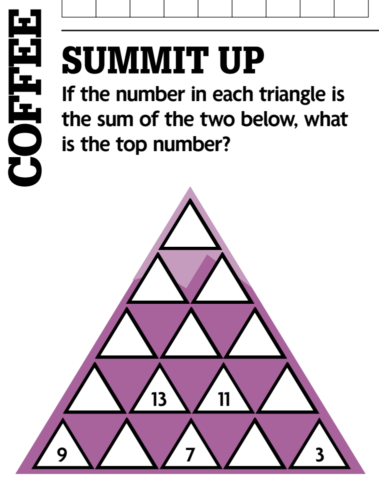
Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

56387 gives a musical instrument
468649 gives musical notes
127568 gives a composer

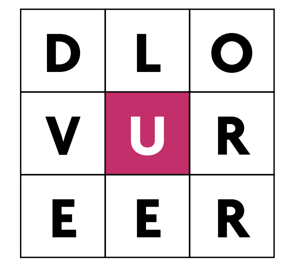
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9

SUMMIT UP

If the number in each triangle is the sum of the two below, what is the top number?



WORDSQUARE



D	L	O
V	U	R
E	E	R

Using the central letter and at least three others, how many words can you find? Plurals, proper nouns and hyphenated words are not allowed, and there is at least one nine-letter word.

Target:
12 – good;
16 – very good;
20 or more – excellent

WORD LADDER

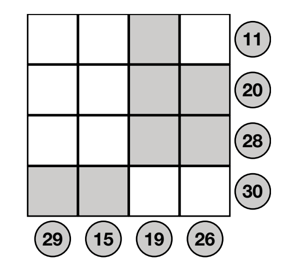
Change one letter at a time (but not the position of any letter) to make a new word – and move from the word at the top of the box to the word at the bottom using the exact number of rungs.

D E A D

Z O N E

EVENS

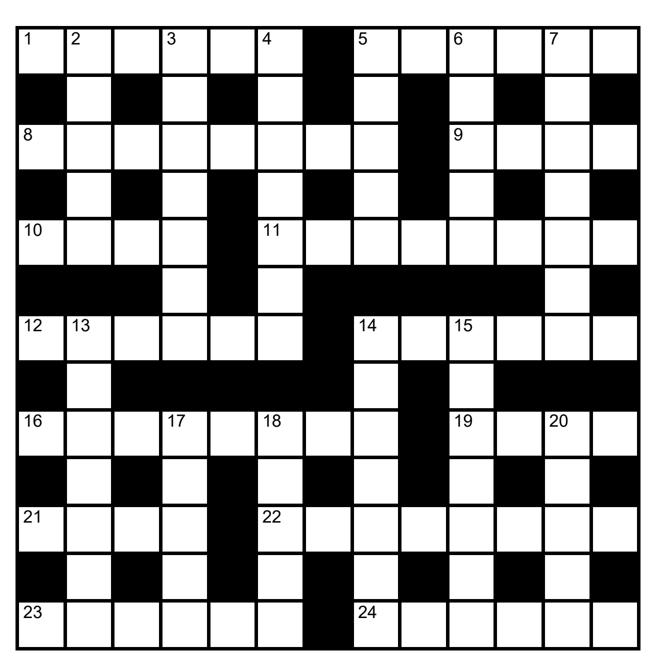
Insert any digit from 1 to 9 in the squares so that the numbers in each row and column add up to the given totals. No digits may be repeated within a row or column. Only even numbers may be placed in grey squares.



ANSWERS

NINER CHAMPIONS **SUMMIT UP** 94 **WORDSQUARE** OVERRULED **EVENS** 5123, 7346, 9568, 8679
WORD LADDER One possible solution is: DEAD, LEAD, LEND, BEND, BOND, BONE, ZONE.

WEE THINKER



Across
1 Feline visits old church a great deal (6)
5 Accost with a nail, say (6)
8 Chief name for the parachutist to remember? (8)
9 Manage to find English character (4)
10 Ask about turn for flyer (4)
11 It's excellent and shattering (8)
12 Unusually droll head of year, arrogant (6)
14 Penalise page, a French one, quiet (6)
16 Disappoints by failing to keep up (4,4)
19 Grim utterance about dog (4)
21 Flames are awfully rife (4)
22 Careless with unusual old ships (8)
23 Goes round in women's garments (6)
24 Officer standard (6)

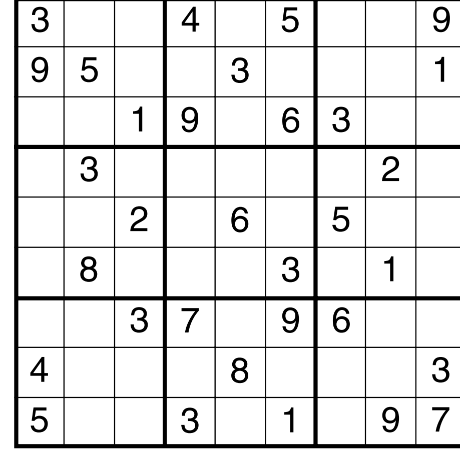
Down
2 Investigate restraint (5)
3 Cat gets paroled, strangely (7)
4 Try this out when parched (7)
5 Greeting a student with old laugh (5)
6 Set fire to hill by church (5)
7 Dogs' teeth (7)
13 It stands monumentally high (7)
14 I have to follow writers who are serious (7)
15 Arch-enemy seems in trouble (7)
17 Slander mares terribly (5)
18 Fertile area for group (5)
20 Crowd without right Australian sandal (5)

SUDOKU

EASY

3				1		9	8	
	1		5		9		2	
8	9		3		4			
6	5		7				3	9
		9		5		8		
1				3	8		5	7
	8		6				9	3
	4		1		2		6	
		6			3			1

MEDIUM



3			4		5			9
9	5			3				1
		1	9		6	3		
	3						2	
		2		6		5		
	8				3		1	
		3	7		9	6		
4				8				3
5			3		1		9	7

ANSWERS

EASY

3	6	5	2	1	7	9	8	4
4	1	7	5	8	9	3	2	6
8	9	2	3	6	4	1	7	5
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1	2	4	9	3	8	6	5	7
2	8	1	6	4	5	7	9	3
9	4	3	1	7	2	5	6	8
5	7	6	8	9	3	2	4	1

MEDIUM

3	6	8	4	1	5	2	7	9
9	5	7	2	3	8	4	6	1
2	4	1	9	7	6	3	8	5
6	3	5	1	9	4	7	2	8
1	9	2	8	6	7	5	3	4
7	8	4	5	2	3	9	1	6
8	1	3	7	5	9	6	4	2
4	7	9	6	8	2	1	5	3
5	2	6	3	4	1	8	9	7

QUICKIE

Across
3. Swiftness (5)
9. Skilful, dexterous (6)
10. Ablaze (2,4)
11. Backless seat (5)
12. Orienteering items (4)
15. Long angry speech (6)
17. Ceremonial staff (7)
19. Male swan (3)
20. Planet (5)
22. Traitor (5)
24. Power of deciding something (3-2)
25. Slender candle (5)
27. Attempt (3)
29. Tanned hide (7)
32. Snout beetle (6)
34. Painful (4)
35. Weird (5)
37. __ Dion, singer (6)
38. Queasiness (6)
39. Give medical attention to (5)

Down
1. Cultivates land (5)
2. Rubbish, informally (5)
3. Belonging to him (3)
4. Clothes, garments (6)
5. Sound a horn (4)
6. Joins up (7)
7. Light purple (5)
8. Celebrity, informally (5)
13. Come to possess (7)
14. Small fish (5)
16. File of papers (7)
18. Artist's stand (5)
21. Stops (5)
23. Most noticeable or important (7)
26. Eye membrane (6)
27. Two times (5)
28. Screams (5)
30. Equine mammal (5)
31. Of the kidneys (5)
33. Lascivious or unpleasant look (4)
36. Have a meal (3)

CARTOONS

THE PERISHERS

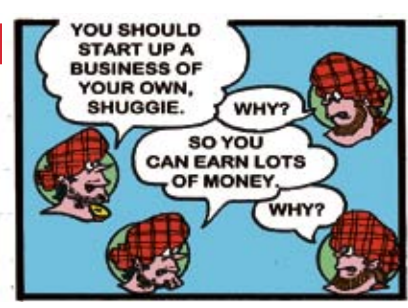
BY COLLINS & DODD

MUNCH
CHEW
GOBBLE
BURP
THERE'S ENOUGH SCOFF THERE TO FEED US BOTH FOR MONTHS
AN' YOU 'AVE TO TRY AN' PIG IT ALL
BOOT
IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN'T STAN' IT'S A DOG-IN-THE-MANGER
CLOUT
POW
BIFF
THUMP
OOT
YOU CALLED?
AAAGH
OT
U159

SHUGGIE AND DUGGIE

BY BULLIMORE AND ANDERSON







YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS
WEE THINKER ACROSS: 5 Andes, 8 Blameless, 9 Settles, 10 Epees, 11 Eilat, 13 Loofah, 16 Beaker, 18 Decor, 20 Cobra, 22 Pasture, 24 Alienated, 25 Needy.
DOWN: 1 Abashed, 2 Bastille, 3 Heel, 4 Teasel, 5 Asteroid, 6 Dane, 7 Slush, 12 Takeaway, 14 Accounts, 15 Friends, 17 Repaid, 19 Ocean, 21 Blue, 23 Sent.
QUICKIE ACROSS: 5 Also; 7 Playwright; 8 Earl; 10 Lest; 12 Ego; 13 Blight; 16 Worse; 18 Era; 20 Deep; 21 Arid; 22 Rag; 24 Rumba; 25 Island; 26 Sip; 27 Hiss; 29 Talc; 33 Rudderless; 34 Levy.
DOWN: 1 Ill; 2 Type; 3 Fret; 4 Egg; 5 Ate; 6 Strut; 9 Heads; 10 Lowers; 11 Pie; 13 Beard; 14 Grab; 15 Harass; 17 Opal; 19 Adopt; 23 Gap; 25 Irate; 27 Heed; 28 Salt; 30 Cry; 31 Odd; 32 Ask.

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SPOT ON Rosallion and jockey Sean Levey

HEART OF ALLION

BY **GARRY OWEN**

RICHARD HANNON fought back tears to toast "Superman" as Rosallion soared up, up and away in the St James's Palace Stakes.

The trainer made public his belief the colt is the best horse to pass through his hands in a decade with a training licence after Rosallion's victory in the Prix Jean-Luc Lagardere at Longchamp last October.

That conviction was unshaken despite a defeat by Notable Speech in the 2000 Guineas at Newmarket last month and yesterday the pair once more

TURN TO PUNTER 3

INSIDE TODAY

Day 2 race by race guide, top tips and all the latest news

SIMPLY THE BESH

Qatari trainer Al Jehani bang in the Royal Hunt thanks to bay

BACK IN THE HUNT Beshtani is pipped at Epsom last month but, with James Doyle back in the saddle, stands to take the spoils this time

BY **GARRY OWEN**

BESHTANI (2.35) can show his rivals no mercy in the Royal Hunt Cup on day two of Royal Ascot.

Hamad Al-Jehani's raider looks tailor-made for one of the most competitive races of the week.

The gelding began a cracking streak for former trainer Francis-Henri Graffard by pipping **Adeva** at Lyon-Parilly 12 months ago.

He stayed upwardly mobile by narrowly denying the talented **Gypsy Gold** at Clairefontaine last July. The bay was just denied by

TURN TO PUNTER 2

ODDS & SODS

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DO BE RASH Mina Rashid has been backed for the Queen's Vase

From William Hill's Lee Phelps

YESTERDAY didn't start too well for us with favourite Charyn winning the Queen Anne and plenty of favoured horses filling the places, but it certainly picked up with an 80-1 winner of the Coventry.

Getting **BIG EVS** beat was also a big result for us, as was **NOTABLE SPEECH**'s defeat, and they ensured we ended the day ahead.

Today's racing begins with the Queen Mary (2.30) for the fastest two-year-old fillies around.

Aidan O'Brien, right, is hunting a fourth win in this race and his **TRULY ENCHANTING** has been supported at 7-1, while at bigger prices, there's money for **KASSAYA**, who is into 12-1 from 16-1.

MINA RASHID is the big springer in the Queen's Vase (3.05) market, having shortened into 12-1 from 22-1.

BIRDMAN has also been popular nearer the head of the market. In the Duke Of Cambridge (3.45), Joseph O'Brien's **ROGUE MILLENIUM** is expected to come on from her reappearance last time out and is a strong favourite at 10-3.

In the day's feature, the Prince Of Wales's Stakes (4.25), punters seem to want to take on market leaders **AUGUSTE RODIN** and **INSPIRAL**, and **ALFLAILA**, 15-2 from 17-2, and French raider **BLUE ROSE CEN** are the two they seem to be latching on to.

WILD TIGER has been popular for the Royal Hunt Cup (5.05). He is expected to improve for this step up in trip and is now favourite at 8-1 from 10s.

But it's Archie Watson's **REGHEEB** that is our biggest liability at this stage as he has been smashed into 18-1 from 40-1. **ELIM** in the Kensington Palace (5.40) and **HAWAIIAN** in the Windsor Castle (6.15) are two we're keeping an eye on towards the end of day two.

ADVERTORIAL

Thrilled Billy's passed test with flying colours

AS his pals sit their exams, Billy Loughnane was here to bag a first Royal Ascot success as Rashabar took the Group 2 Coventry Stakes at 80-1.

The 18-year-old, last season's champion apprentice, was thrilled after the Brian Meehan juvenile edged out Electrolyte by a nose.

He said: "Wow! What a feeling! I had my 200th career winner last night at Windsor and I came here just praying I'd manage to get on the board with one. To do it so early is a massive relief."

Rashabar was losing his maiden status at the third attempt but Meehan said: "Dare I say, it was not a huge surprise."

Wathnan Racing owned the two podium horses, but took minor medals in the Listed Wolferton Stakes as Haunted Dream and Torito chased home Gosden-trained Israr.

YOU'RE JUST TWO GOOD TO BE TRUE Rogue Millennium is ridden to victory by Daniel Tudhope in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes this time last year and a repeat is on the cards today for the mare's new trainer O'Brien, left



GARRY OWEN'S DAY 2 VERDICT



FROM PUNTER FRONT

Grey Tornado promoted to Listed company at La Teste De Buch come September.

He gained compensation by cosily denying **Make Me King** on his first run over 1m 1f at Chantilly the following month.

The four-year-old then found himself unlucky not to catch **Two Tempting** on his British debut at Epsom last month.

That was a hot handicap so the son of **Siyouni** should put that run to good use under James Doyle.

ULTIMA GRACE (2.30) ought to give Wesley Ward more glory here in the Queen Mary Stakes.

The filly was a 1-10 jolly on debut at Keeneland after some sparkling efforts on the gallops.

She duly delivered the goods with an emphatic defeat of **Kiss Cam** on dirt at the US venue.

The juvenile should be even better on turf so stands to scorch to victory from some exciting foes.

Jessica Harrington also excels at this meeting so it makes sense to get behind **BIRDMAN** (3.05) in the Queen's Vase.

The three-year-old was an unconsidered 8-1 chance ahead of his first outing at Cork in April.

However, the colt defied his inexperience with an impressive defeat of **Himalayan Heights**.

That victory earned him a swift promotion to Listed company in the Yeats Stakes at Navan.

The bay fully justified that decision by comfortably disposing of fellow improver **Bellezza**.

The Irish raider stayed 1m 5f strongly so should add this warm Group Two to his growing CV.

ROGUE MILLENNIUM (3.45) can repeat last year's win in the Duke Of Cambridge Stakes.

The mare put in a career best for Tom Clover when outbattling **Random Harvest** in this Group Two 12 months ago.

She was far from disgraced when fifth to **Mqse De Sevigne** in Group One company at Deauville the following month.

The bay hit a new peak when finding only **Tahiyra** too good in the Matron at Leopardstown come September.

The star didn't stay 1m 2f when 11th to **Blue Rose Cen** in the Prix de l'Opera at Longchamp last October. However, she signed off for team Clover with a fair fifth behind **Big Rock** in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes back here. The five-year-old was a solid third to **Ocean Jewel** on debut for Joseph O'Brien at the Curragh last month.

And the daughter of **Dubawi** should be primed so can retain her crown for her shrewd handler.

The trainer stands to enjoy a double thanks to **ADELAISE** (5.40) in the Kensington Palace Stakes.

The mare handled this track well when fourth to **Villanova Queen** in this handicap last year.

The Owning Hill raider then lacked the pace for seven furlongs when only fifth at the Curragh come July. However, she bounced back with a narrow loss to **Fratas** back over a mile at Leopardstown in August.

The five-year-old ran well again when fourth to **Manisha** in Listed company at Saint-Cloud the following month.

She put in another fair shift when fifth to **Dancing Goddess** in a similar race at Longchamp last October. And the bay looked better than ever when edging out **Choisya** on her comeback at Kempton in April.

This huge prize has been the aim ever since so this pacy type ought to cash in on an inviting mark

INSPIRAL (4.25) can reign supreme for team Gosden in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

The filly booked her place at the top table with Group One wins here and at Deauville in 2022.

The five-year-old's reputation took a few blows with some lesser efforts early last season.

However, she silenced any critics by caning **Big Rock** in the Jacques



LOVABLE ROGUE

O'Brien boasts a belter in Millennium for Duke Of Cambridge as Dubawi's daughter primed to retain her Royal Ascot crown

PRINCE OF PROFIT Inspiral, second in the Queen Anne last year, above, is on for Prince of Wales's glory

Le Marois at Deauville last August. The bay continued her revival by routing **Mqse De Sevigne** in the Sun Chariot at Newmarket two months later.

She then stayed 1m 2f well when dramatically taking the Breeders' Cup Filly and Mare Turf at Santa Anita in November.

The star needed the run when fourth on her return over a mile in the Lockinge at Newbury.

The daughter of **Frankel** is better over further these days so can bag another top-level win for John and Thady.

TREASURE ISLE (6.15) should land the spoils for Aidan O'Brien in the Windsor Castle Stakes.

The juvenile was a well-backed 5-4 favourite before his first outing at the Curragh in April.

However, he was unlucky to encounter the exciting **Midnight Strike** in a high-class maiden.

He showed the benefits of that effort when decisively defeating **Saratoga Special** at Naas last month. There is plenty more to come from this rising sprinter who can claim a trappy Listed event.

Away from Royal Ascot, **TWOFORTHEGUTTER** (1.45) looks primed to run wild at Hamilton. Christopher Kellett's bay should shrug off a 3lb hike for chinning **Humble Spark** over 1m 4f here 13 days ago.

TRIPLE CHARGED (2.50) can stay on the rise for thriving Karl Burke in the EBF Maiden.

JAMINOZ (3.30) stands to shade the Scottish Handicap for Lucinda Russell. The gelding will not mind returning to 1m 3f after his respectable fourth to **Shahnaz** here a week ago.

The Arlary handler should also take the one-mile handicap with **JOHN L SULLIVAN** (4.10).

The gelding remains nicely unexposed after hosing up from **Mist Rollin In** at Wetherby eight days ago.

NATURALIA (4.50) looks strong for Donald Whillans in the Bothwell Castle Handicap.

The filly is open to plenty of progress after hammering **Infinite Honour** over 1m 1f at Carlisle last month.

And **HOT TEAM** (5.25) should scorch to victory for Patrick Morris in the racingtv.com Handicap.

The gelding is on a workable mark after his reasonable third to **Twoforthegutter** here just 13 days ago.

TUESDAY REVIEW

ST JAMES'S PALACE STAKES Rich celebrates



GLORY Hannon, inset, and Levey after win at Royal Ascot

ROSALLION'S SUPERHERO FOR HANNON

FROM PUNTER FRONT crossed swords with Metropolitan, winner of the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, in opposition.

As the Aidan O'Brien duo Unquestionable and Henry Longfellow sought to control the pace, Sean Levey and 5-2 chance Rosallion sat in midpack.

Ryan Moore dashed Henry Longfellow to the front running to the final furlong – 6-4 market leader Notable Speech was toiling on the outside – but Rosallion set off in pursuit, forging his way to a neck supremacy.

Metropolitan took third with Notable Speech in seventh.

Hannon said: "I thought Ryan had it won. He normally does – the git! Unfortunately, we lost in the Guineas – I couldn't believe he got beaten, and that was utterly galling.

"He's the complete package. Quite often you call these horses something they're not, because you want them to be the best horse you've trained – and quite often you are disappointed.

"But this lad has never let me down. He's immortal in my eyes - physically, he looks like Superman.

"We've always loved him, sometimes as a trainer you run away with yourself and get proven wrong, but he's utterly brilliant.

"I never want to see the race again! It was a great result, but he looked like he'd get there, then he looked like he wouldn't.

"It's very special to be part of it and winning races here, as we all know, is so hard. He's already given us a lot of great moments.

"You get so much disappointment with horses, but it's balanced out by a horse like this."

Levey, whose partner is William Hill's 6-4 favourite for the Sussex Stakes at Glorious Goodwood on July 31, added: "I knew it was going to be tactical. He had to be good today – I knew the stiff track would suit me – boy, was he good.

"I hope one day they go a really good gallop so we get to see his true potential. I've always hoped he'd be that horse I've been waiting for all my career."

West Sussex is also the likely destination for Charyn, who collected in Group 1 company at the seventh attempt when delivering at 100-30 in the opening Queen Anne Stakes.

The four-year-old and Silvestre de Sousa contained the late finish of Docklands by two and a quarter lengths.

Docklands' trainer Harry Eustace finished second as Divine Comedy went under by half a length in Ascot Stakes won by the Sir Mark Prescott-saddled 20-1 chance Pledgeofallegiance.

Meanwhile, the gamble to bring Afsoora halfway round the world for Royal Ascot paid off as the Australian mare gave her homeland a sixth victory in the King Charles III Stakes.

Victoria-based Henry Dwyer, who watched Oisin Murphy's mount beat Regional by one length with 11-4 favourite Big Evs third, said: "Those who have done it before have all trained 150 Group 1 winners, whereas that's only my third."

The concluding Copper Horse Handicap went to the Wille Mullins-trained Belloccio.



RISING STAR BILLY THE KID STOLE SHOW

ROYAL BELL-TERS

Revealing tales and top tips from the ITV Racing presenter

IT'S VITAL for any major race meeting to get off to a good start and Royal Ascot certainly did that.

Rosallion was brilliant in the St James's Palace Stakes, Charyn was a triumph for patience in the Queen Anne and the Aussies, successful in the King Charles III Stakes with Asfoora, add to any sporting event.

Even the weather, contrary to last week's forecasts, played ball.

But the moment of the day for me was Rashabar's 80-1 win in the Coventry.

No, I didn't back him – it was the sight of Billy Loughnane's parents Mark and Clare that made the occasion so special.

> They were rightly so proud to witness his first Royal Ascot victory

Their 18-year-old son has achieved so much in a short space of time and they were rightly so proud and delighted to witness his first Royal Ascot victory.

There's a split in the ITV Racing camp over today's Prince Of Wales's Stakes.

I'm all over Inspiral – she'll come on a ton for her comeback in the Lockinge Stakes at Newbury last month and I also think she needs a mile and a quarter now.

Kevin Blake can't have her – he's with Auguste Rodin – so we'll have a match bet.

The loser has to fight Matt Chapman in a boxing match.

If I'm wrong, I'll lose a few quid but at least I'll be able to give Chapman a good pasting!

BELL'S BANKERS

I'M happy to side with **INSPIRAL** in the Prince Of Wales's Stakes (4.25), for the reasons outlined above.

I think **TRULY ENCHANTING** will take the beating in the Queen Mary Stakes (2.30).

She was impressive at Tipperary on her debut and clearly still has plenty to learn.

He won the Chesham Stakes on his debut two years ago and **HOLLOWAY BOY** is my each-way pick in the Royal Hunt Cup (5.05), while **ELIN** should also go well at double-figure odds in the Kensington Palace Fillies' Handicap (5.40).

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2.30 THE QUEEN MARY STAKES

(GROUP 2) (FILLIES) (2yo) 5f £85,065 (26 run) ITV4/SKY



LEOV MATCH Leovanni looks an ideal sort to prosper in the Queen Mary for in-form trainer Karl Burke, inset

LEO WILL ROAR

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 LEOVANNI
2 MISS RASCAL
3 TRULY ENCHANTING

LEOVANNI did enough on her debut at Nottingham two weeks to suggest she can give her trainer Karl Burke, successful with Dramatised two years ago, a second Queen Mary Stakes triumph.

The daughter of Kodi Bear had been showing up well at home and went off a well-backed 6-4 favourite in a field of 11 for a five-furlong fillies' maiden.

And she justified the support in style, tracking the pace under James Doyle before hitting the front inside the final quarter mile, readily accounting for Sunshine Soul.

It's hard to be adamant about the value of that form but the Wathnan Racing-owned Leovanni clearly has her fair share of ability – and can only progress from her first to second outing.

Miss Rascal looks most promising and is feared most, ahead of **Truly Enchanting** and American raider **Ultima Grace.**

1 (20) 3 **ADRESTIA** (9) (BF)
S & E Crisford 9-2 C Shepherd 80 GF
7-4fav (9-2) Close up, shaken up to challenge 2f out, ridden over 1f out, lost second towards finish, 3rd of 11, 2¼l behind Celandine (9-2) at Windsor 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf

2 (22) 21 **AMESTRIS** (18) (D) (EW)
M Bell 9-2 K Stott 93 G
2-5fav (9-2) Tracked leader, pushed along to lead over 1f out, ridden clear final furlong, won at Lingfield 5f 2yo fll nov stks (5) gd beating Desdemona (9-2) by 6l, 6 ran

3 (15) 121 **BETTY CLOVER** (33) (D)
E J-Houghton 9-2 Georgia Dobie 97 G
12-1 (9-0) Held up, pushed along and headway over 1f out, won at York 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in May beating Miss Lamai (9-0) by ½l, 15 ran

4 (25) 111 **ENCHANTING EMPRESS** (27) (CD)
Raphael Freire 9-2 David Egan 97 H
4-1 (9-0) Held up in touch, ridden and headway over 1f out, led inside final furlong, won at Sandown 5f 2yo lst stk (1) sft in May beating Rock Hunter (9-5) by ½l, 6 ran

5 (1) 211 **ENGLEMERE** (30) (D)
G Boughey 9-2 Billy Loughnane 92 GF
7-4 (9-6) Took keen hold, pushed along and headway on outer over 2f out, led final strides, won at Carlisle 5f 2yo fll nov stks (2) gf in May bt Where's Clare (9-2) by hd, 5 ran

6 (26) 53 **FLASH THE CASH** (11)
J Harrington (IRE) 9-2 S Foley 84 G
12-1 (9-2) Led, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headed 1f out, no impression in 3rd final 100 yards, 3rd of 16, 2l behind Celtic Chieftain (9-7) at Navan 5f 2yo mdn gd

7 (3) 142 **FLICKA'S GIRL** (42) (BF, D)
D Loughnane 9-2 Rossa Ryan 85 G
18-5fav (8-13) Tracked leader, ridden to lead under 2f out, kept on but headed inside final furlong, 2nd of 9, 1½l behind Seraphim Angel (8-13) at Chester 5f 2yo stks (2) gd in May

8 (19) 4 **GLORIOUS KITTY** (33)
M & D Easterby 9-2 S James 91 G
40-1 (9-0) Prominent, pushed along and outpaced over 1f out, rallied towards finish, 4th of 15, 2l behind Betty Clover (9-0) at York 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in May

9 (21) 21 **KASSAYA** (17) (D)
A Balding 9-2 O Murphy 91 GF
5-4fav (9-2) Prominent, led over 1f out, drew clear over 110 yards out, comfortably, won at Nottingham 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd beating Fuji Mountain (9-7) by 2¼l, 12 ran

10 (16) 221 **KISS ME MY LOVE** (9)
C Johnston 9-2 J Fanning 82 G
2-1fav (9-2) Edged left start, led early,, led over 2f out, clear 1f out, stayed on well, won at Carlisle 6f mdn flls stks (4) gd beating Tower Of Africa (9-2) by 1½l, 9 ran

11 (8) 213 **KUWAITYA** (35) (D)
Alice Haynes 9-2 K O'Neill 91 H
(8-10) 3rd of 8, ¾l behind Hot Darling (8-10) at Vichy(FR) 5f 2yo lst stk hvy in May

12 (10) 1 **LEOVANNI** (14) (D)
K R Burke 9-2 James Doyle 96 GF
6-4fav (9-2) Prominent, led over 2f out, quickened clear entering final furlong, easily, won at Nottingham 5f mdn flls stks (5) gf beating Sunshine Soul (9-2) by 2¼l, 11 ran

13 (18) 1 **MAKE HASTE** (39) (D) (SF)
D Dias (IRE) 9-2 G M Ryan ●100 S
16-5 (9-2) Tracked leaders, took keen hold, soon 3rd, challenged travelling well under 2f out, led over 1f out and quickly clear, kept on well, easily, won at Naas 5f 2yo mdn gd in May beating Tommy McJohn (9-7) by 3½l, 10 ran

14 (4) 12 **MAW LAM** (11) (BF, D)
Adrian Nicholls 9-2 H Doyle 93 G
7-2fav (9-2) Dwelt, in rear, switched left over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, 2nd of 13, ½l behind Perfect Part (8-13) at Beverley 5f 2yo fll stks (2) gf

15 (24) 2 **MIGHTY ERIU** (14)
G Cromwell (IRE) 9-2 G F Carroll 93 GF
16-1 (9-0) Tracked leaders in 3rd, pushed along under 2f out, ridden in 2nd 1f out, 2nd of 7, 2¾l behind Tunbridge Wells (9-5) at Curragh 6f 2yo stk gd

16 (13) 12 **MISS LAMAI** (33) (D)
K R Burke 9-2 C Lee 95 G
9-2 (9-0) Prominent, ridden to lead over 1f out, headed towards finish, 2nd of 15, ½l behind Betty Clover (9-0) at York 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in May

17 (5) 61 **MISS RASCAL** (40) (CD)
P & O Cole 9-2 T Marquand 93 G
5-6fav (9-2) Made all, pushed clear over 1f out, ran on strongly, unchallened, won at Ascot 5f mdn flls stks (2) gd in May beating Naana's Diamond (9-0) by 3l, 6 ran

18 (14) 2 **OXFORD ROCK** (22)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 D McMonagle 86 S
4-1 (9-2) Dwelt, raced towards rear, closed in 2nd over 1f out, no impression on leader, 2nd of 6, 4l behind Truly Enchanting (9-2) at Tipperary 5f 2yo fll mdn sft in May

19 (6) 106 **RUBY'S PROFIT** (17) (D)
Dr R Newland & J Insole9-2 K Shoemark 83 ST
8-1 (8-10) Went right start, ridden over 2f out, no impression on leaders 6th of 8, 10l behind Francisco's Piece (8-13) at Chantilly(FR) 5f 2yo lst stk gs

20 (12) 3 **SANDS OF HAVANA** (37)
Ollie Sangster 9-2 T Whelan 82 G
25-1 (9-2) Towards rear, pushed along from 2f out, every chance entering final 110 yards, 3rd of 8, ½l behind Storm Call (9-2) at Windsor 5f mdn flls stks (5) gf in May

21 (2) 416 **SERAPHIM ANGEL** (33) (D)
T Dascombe 9-2 P-L Jamin 90 G
13-2 (9-0) Towards rear, ridden and headway when hung left over 1f out, 6th of 15, 2½l behind Betty Clover (9-0) at York 5f 2yo fll Listed stks (1) gd in May

22 (23) 1 **SPHERICAL** (28) (D)
R Varian 9-2 W Buick 90 GS
10-11fav (9-2) 2nd early, chased leaders, led over 1f out, easily, won at Yarmouth 5f 2yo fll mdn (2) gs in May beating Never Forget You (9-2) by 3½l, 3 ran

23 (9) 1 **TRULY ENCHANTING** (22) (D) (F)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 R L Moore 99 S
10-3 (9-2) In touch, improved to lead narrowly over 1f out, kept on well, comfortably, won at Tipperary 5f 2yo fll mdn sft in May beating Oxford Rock (9-2) by 4l, 6 ran

24 (17) 1 **ULTIMA GRACE** (62) (D)
W A Ward (USA) 9-2 J Rosario 88 FS
2-11fav (8-7) Disputed lead on inner, led narrowly over 2f out, drew clear 1 1/2f out, very comfortably won at Keeneland(USA) 4f 2yo mdn stks in Apr, 11 ran

25 (7) 21 **WHERE'S CLARE** (15) (D)
C Johnston 9-2 J Hart 87 GF
8-13fav (9-2) Broke alertly, pushed along over 1f out, clear inside final furlong, readily, won at Wolverhampton 5f 2yo mdn stks (5) beating Bantz (9-7) by 2¼l, 11 ran

26 (11) 1 **XANTHE** (39) (CD)
R Hannon 9-2 P Dobbs 90 G
8-1 (9-2) Tracked leader, ridden to join leader inside final furlong, led close home, won at Ascot 5f 2yo nov stk (3) gd in May beating Reposado (9-7) by hd, 10 ran

BETTING: 4 Make Haste, 6 Leovanni, Truly Enchanting, 8 Miss Rascal, Ultima Grace, 12 Enchanting Empress, 14 Mighty Eriu, Betty Clover, Kassaya.

2023: CRIMSON ADVOCATE 9 2, J Velazquez 9-1 (G Weaver), drawn (28), 26 ran.

3.05 THE QUEENS' VASE

(GROUP 2) (1) (3yo) 1m 6f Winner £150,282 (12 run) ITV4/SKY

TIME TO SOAR WITH BIRDMAN

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 BIRDMAN
2 ILLINOIS
3 MINA RASHID

BIRDMAN has impressed in his two outings so far and gets the vote to take his career tally to 3-3.

The Jessica Harrington-saddled son of Free Eagle – dam Carol was a well-related, one-time winner for Ed Dunlop – didn't race at two and had already been gelded by the time he made his racecourse debut in a mile-and-a-half maiden at Cork on April 26.

The market took the evident bumps in the road into account – Birdman went off at 8-1 but overcame inexperience to beat Himalayan Heights by two-and-a-quarter lengths, with Highbury back in third.

Harrington, below, then raised Birdman's sights to Listed level for the four-runner Yeats Stakes over a mile and five at Navan last month as Shane Foley's mount took a step forward to account for Bellezza by a length and a quarter.

An additional furlong will be of benefit and Birdman has any amount of untapped potential to draw upon as he faces his toughest test yet.

Given trainer Aidan O'Brien's record in the race, it's no surprise to see **Illinois** and **Highbury** towards the head of the market, while **Mina Rashid** isn't without appeal at bigger odds.

1 (7) 11 **BIRDMAN** (32)
J Harrington (IRE) 9-2 S Foley 107 G
9-4 (9-5) Tracked leaders in 3rd, challenged over 2f out, led under 2f out, ridden 1f out, won at Navan 1m 5f 3yo lst stk (1) in May beating Bellezza (9-0) by 1¼l, 4 ran

2 (6) 131-3 **GROSVENOR SQUARE** (42) (BF)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 DOUBTFUL 113 S
7-4fav (9-2) Prominent on inner, pushed along under 3f out, kept on same pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 6, 11l bhd Hidden Law (9-2) at Chester 1m 4f 3yo Grp 3 (1) gd in May

3 (2) 31 **HIGHBURY** (38) (F)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 W M Lordan 105 FM
11-10fav (9-8) 2nd after 2f, ridden and led 1½f out, 2 lengths lead 1f out, easily, won at Leopardstown 1m 4f 3yo mdn gd in May beating Himalayan Heights (9-8) by 8l, 9 ran

4 (5) 13-32 **ILLINOIS** (39) (BF) (SF)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 R L Moore 114 GF
6-4fav (9-2) Prominent, led over 9f out, hung right and headed 2f out, kept on, 2nd of 9, 4½l behind Ambiente Friendly (9-2) at Lingfield 1m 4f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in May

5 (9) 1-26 **IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN** (39)
K R Burke 9-2 C Lee 104 GF
11-1 (9-2) Led until over 9f out, prominent, lost place over 2f out, 6th of 9, 12l behind Ambiente Friendly (9-2) at Lingfield 1m 4f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in May

6 (4) 133914 **LAVENDER HILL MOB** (25)
M Bell 9-2 C Shepherd 103 GF
22-1 (9-2) Held up in rear, went 4th inside final furlong, no impression on leaders, 4th of 7, 4l behind Meydaan (9-2) at Goodwood 1m 3f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in May

7 (8) 1-531 **MEYDAAN** (25)
S & E Crisford 9-2 W Buick 109 GF
7-2 (9-2) Held up in touch, improved from 3f out, led over 2f out, won at Goodwood 1m 3f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in May beating Space Legend (9-2) by nk, 7 ran

8 (12) 36-1 **MINA RASHID** (40)
A Balding 9-2 O Murphy 98 GF
17-2 (9-7) Tracked leaders, headway on outer over 1f out, led inside final furlong, ran on, won at Chester 1m 4f 3yo mdn (2) gf in May beating Ephesus (9-7) by 1¼l, 5 ran

9 (1) 2-430 **MR HAMPSTEAD** (18)
D F Davis 9-2 David Egan 96 G
80-1 (9-2) Slowly into stride, lost place 5f out, well behind final 3f, 15th of 16, well behind City Of Troy (9-2) at Epsom Downs 1m 4f 3yo Grp 1 (1) gs

10 (11) 3-165 **PAPPANO** (25)
J & T Gosden 9-2 K Shoemark 97 GF
16-1 (9-2) Tracked leader, ridden over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 7, 7l behind Meydaan (9-2) at Goodwood 1m 3f 3yo lst stk (1) gd in May

11 (3) 421 **SEE THE GREEN** (27)
Owen Burrows 9-2 J Crowley 89 H
4-9fav (8-11) Chased leader, stayed on final furlong, led towards finish, won at Catterick 1m 4f mdn stks (5) sft in May beating Graze On Phoenix (10-0) by ½l, 7 ran

12 (10) 4-14 **THE EQUATOR** (24) (EW)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-2 D McDonogh 106 GF
11-2 (9-5) Dwelt slightly and towards rear, 5th 1½f out, kept on inside final furlong, 4th of 8, 4½l behind Chief Little Rock (9-5) at Curragh 1m 2f 3yo Grp 3 (1) in May

BETTING: 2 Illinois, 7-2 Highbury, 9-2 Birdman, 7 Grosvenor Square, 8 Meydaan, 12 The Equator, 20 Mina Rashid, 25 Imperial Sovereign.
2023: GREGORY 9 2, Frankie Dettori Evens Fav (J & T Gosden), drawn (8), 14 ran.



TAKE FLIGHT Birdman has the ability to maintain his unbeaten record

POT OF GOLD SEE PAGE 6
VALUE SCOPE SEE PAGE 8

NEWSBOY	BOUVERIE
2.30 LEOVANNI	2.30 MAKE HASTE
3.05 BIRDMAN	3.05 ILLINOIS
3.45 ROGUE MILLENNIUM (NAP)	3.45 OCEAN JEWEL
4.25 ALFLAILA	4.25 AUGUSTE RODIN (NAP)
5.05 COEUR D'OR (NB)	5.05 BESHTANI
5.40 TWIRLING	5.40 ROARIN' SUCCESS
6.15 SHADOW ARMY	6.15 TREASURE ISLE

JACKPOT MEETING

GOING: Good to Firm.
COURSE: Right-handed galloping track of 1m 6f, straight mile, stiff uphill finish.
DRAW: High numbers best on the straight course
TOP TRAINERS: J & T Gosden 41-276 (14.9%), A Balding 34-317 (10.7%), W Haggas 30-219 (13.7%), R Varian 26-210 (12.4%), A P O'Brien 22-227 (9.7%), R Hannon 19-270 (7.0%), E Walker 17-119 (14.3%), C Cox 15-148 (10.1%), G & J Moore 13-156 (8.3%), K R Burke 11-86 (12.8%), R Beckett 11-138 (8.0%), E J-Houghton 10-84 (11.9%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Ryan Moore 35-274 (12.8%), Jim Crowley 31-216 (14.4%), Oisin Murphy 27-223 (12.1%), William Buick 26-217 (12.0%), Tom Marquand 21-238 (8.8%), Hollie Doyle 18-166 (10.8%), Daniel Tudhope 16-151 (10.6%), James Doyle 14-191 (7.3%), Rossa Ryan 13-114 (11.4%), David Probert 12-142 (8.5%), Saffie Osborne 12-77 (15.6%), Kieran Shoemark 11-106 (10.4%).

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): W A Ward won the 2.30 in '15, '16 and '20. A P O'Brien won the 3.05 in '15, '16, '18 and '20. J & T Gosden won the 3.05 in '17 and '23. J & T Gosden won the 3.45 in '20 and '21. A P O'Brien won the 4.25 in '17 and '21. J & T Gosden won the 4.25 in '14, '20 and '23. A P O'Brien won the 6.15 in '15, '19 and '22.
1ST TIME BLINKERS: 2.30 Ruby's Profit, Ultima Grace, 5.05 Tempus, 6.15 Bretton Wood, Gabaldon, Honorary American.
CHEEKPIECES: 2.30 Seraphim Angel*, 3.45 Breege*, Novus, 5.05 Beshtani, Raadobarg, Wild Tiger, 5.40 Moonspirit, Mother Mary*, Villanova Queen.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.30 Make Haste, 3.45 Nibras Angel, Orchid Bloom*, 4.25 Royal Rhyme, 5.05 Coeur d'Or, Imperial Fighter, Raadobarg, 5.40 Moonspirit*, Mystic Pearl, Twirling, Vetiver, 6.15 Cheval De Guerre*, Gabaldon*. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None.
1ST TIME HOODS: None.
PROFITABLE RACES FOR FAVS: 3.05.

IN FORM

TRAINERS: A P O'Brien 11-23 (48%), G Boughey 13-32 (41%), D Donovan 2-5 (40%), P & O Cole 2-5 (40%), G Tutty 2-6 (33%), D K Weld 6-20 (30%), Dr R Newland & J Insole 3-10 (30%), R Varian 6-21 (29%), S bin Suroor 2-7 (29%), S Dow 2-7 (29%), A Carroll 10-37 (27%), Christian Williams 3-12 (25%), D J Jeffreys 1-4 (25%), L Bailey 1-4 (25%), O Murphy 2-8 (25%), Tony Coyle & Kaine Wood 1-4 (25%), J Channon 5-22 (23%), C Longsdon 2-9 (22%), R Beckett 9-42 (21%).
JOCKEYS: Ryan Moore 7-14 (50%), Charlie Hammond 4-9 (44%), Henry Brooke 6-18 (33%), Pat Cosgrave 6-19 (32%), Ben Jones 2-7 (29%), Jack Tudor 5-17 (29%), Lilly Pinchin 2-7 (29%), Wayne Lordan 7-24 (29%), Gavin Sheehan 3-11 (27%), Sean Bowen 8-30 (27%), Thomas Bellamy 3-11 (27%), Charlie Deutsch 1-4 (25%), Ethan Tindall 1-4 (25%).

TODAY'S FAB 4 TIPS

NORTHERNER'S NAP	NEWMARKET'S BEST
ELIM (5.40 Ascot)	GENESIUS (7.05 Ripon)
TOPSPOT	**SPEEDHORSE**
TEN COMMITMENTS (6.20 Nottingham)	MAKE HASTE (2.30 Ascot)

3.45 DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE STKS

(GP 2) (FILLIES & MARES) 1m £133,467 (14 run) ITV4/SKY

1 (12) 3158-1 **OCEAN JEWEL** (24) (D)
W McCreery (IRE) 4 9-5 **W J Lee** 113 FM
8-1 (9-2) Held up behind leaders, 5th halfway, 3rd 1½f out, led over 1f out, kept on well, won at Curragh 1m fll Grp 2 stks (1) gd in May beating Goldana (9-2) by 1¼l, 8 ran

2 (13) 542-31 **BREEGE** (18)
J & S Quinn 4 9-2 **J Hart** 112 G
5-1 (9-8) Tracked leaders, led over 2f out, hung left again over 1f out, held on, won at Epsom Downs 1m flls Group 3 stks (1) gs beating Chic Colombine (8-10) by nk, 8 ran

3 (6) 2141-3 **DOOM** (44)
W Haggas 4 9-2 **T Marquand** 106 GS
9-2 (9-9) Tracked leaders, 6th 2f out, ridden in 3rd over 1f out, 2nd under 1f out, dropped to 3rd, 3rd of 10, 1l bhd Gregarina (9-9) at Curragh 7f flls Group 3 stks (1) sft in May

4 (14) 2757-1 **GREGARINA** (44) (D)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9-2 **W Buick** 108 S
16-1 (9-9) Slowly into stride, 9th 2f out, 7th 1f out, headway final furlong, stayed on to lead, won at Curragh 7f flls Group 3 stks (1) sft in May beating You Send Me (9-9) by hd, 10 ran

5 (5) 24-544 **JULIA AUGUSTA** (18) (D)
D O'Meara 5 9-2 **D Tudhope** 107 G
66-1 (9-8) Stumbled slightly start, led, headed over 2f out, no extra inside final 100 yards, 4th of 8, 2l behind Breege (9-8) at Epsom 1m flls Group 3 stks (1) gs

6 (1) 12/10- **LAUREL** (396) (D) (SF)
J & T Gosden 5 9-2 **R L Moore** 119 GF
10-3 (8-13) Raced keenly tracked leader 3rd overall, ridden over 1f out, weakened final furlong, 10th of 12, 7l behind Modern Games (9-2) at Newbury 1m Grp 1 (1) gd in May '23

7 (3) 00-540 **MAGICAL SUNSET** (25)
A Murray (IRE) 4 9-2 **David Egan** 103 S
50-1 (9-2) Mid-division, ridden and dropped to rear 2f out, weakened, 10th of 12, 8l behind Mitbaahy (9-5) at Curragh 6f Grp 2 (1) gd in May

8 (8) 436906 **NIBRAS ANGEL** (6)
I Mohammed 4 9-2 **K Stott** 99 GS
16-1 (9-4) Held up, pushed along inside final 2f, no great headway when in the clear final furlong, 6th of 11, 4l behind Sterling Knight (9-6) at Newbury 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gf

9 (7) 141-72 **NOVUS** (46) (D)
G & J Moore 4 9-2 **T P Queally** 116 G
11-2 (9-12) Midfield, ridden over 2f out, soon led, pressed for lead, diminishing advantage, 2nd of 8, shd behind Royal Dress (9-7) at Goodwood 1m fll lst stks (1) sft in May

10 (4) 132-64 **ORCHID BLOOM** (24) (D)
W Haggas 4 9-2 **C Fallon** 111 FM
13-2 (9-2) Tracked leaders, 3rd halfway, ridden in 4th 2f out, no impression on leaders, 4th of 8, 2½l behind Ocean Jewel (9-2) at Curragh 1m fll Grp 2 stks (1) gd in May

11 (2) 5205-3 **ROGUE MILLENNIUM** (24) (BF, CD) (F)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9-2 **D McMonagle** ● 120 FM
1-1fav (9-2) Tracked leaders, 4th halfway, not clear from over 2f out, 3rd and kept on close home, 3rd of 8, 2¼l behind Ocean Jewel (9-2) at Curragh 1m fll Grp 2 stks (1) gd in May

12 (9) 407-13 **ROYAL DRESS** (18) (D) (EW)
J Tate 4 9-2 **B M Coen** 110 GS
14-1 (9-8) Steadied start, ridden over 3f out, not clear run over 1f out, just held, 3rd of 8, ¾l behind Breege (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m flls Group 3 stks (1) gs

13 (11) 238-28 **RUNNING LION** (18) (BF, D)
J & T Gosden 4 9-2 **O Murphy** 115 G
13-8fav (9-8) Chased leaders on inside, switched left over 3f out, lost place 2f out, last of 8, 4l behind Breege (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m flls Group 3 stks (1) gs

14 (10) 4365-3 **SEA THE LADY** (52) (D)
C H Head (FR) 4 9-2 **Aurelien Lemaitre** 113 GS
18-1 (8-11) 3rd of 9, 2l behind American Sonja (8-11) at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 2f Grp 3 (1) sft in Apr

BETTING: 5-2 Laurel, 10-3 Rogue Millennium, 15-2 Ocean Jewel, 8 Royal Dress, Breege, 12 Sea The Lady, Running Lion, 16 Doom, Novus, Orchid Bloom, Gregarina.

2023: ROGUE MILLENNIUM 4 9 2, Daniel Tudhope 10-1 (Tom Clover), drawn (7), 10 ran.

MILLENNIUM HAS PRAYER

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 ROGUE MILLENNIUM
2 LAUREL
3 BREEGE

ROGUE MILLENNIUM gets the vote to mount a successful defence.

Dubawi's daughter was saddled by Tom Clover when beating Random Harvest by a neck for the Group Two prize a year ago before finishing second at Leopardstown in the Matron Stakes.

Rogue Millennium joined Joseph O'Brien in December after being sold for 1,650,000 guineas.

And the five-year-old started out for her new stable in the Lanwades Stud Stakes on the Curragh's Irish 1,000 Guineas undercard.

She led the betting at even money but Dylan Browne McMonagle found his path blocked in the penultimate furlong.

Once finding clear water, Rogue Millennium rattled home into third behind Ocean Jewel and, granted luck in running, she's a massive player.

Laurel isn't an easy horse to get to the races but has Group One form on her CV and warrants respect, as do **Breege** and **Doom**.



REPEAT BID Rogue Millennium won last year's Duke Of Cambridge



NEIL RANDON'S Placepot fancies

2.30

TRULY ENCHANTING won going away on her introduction. Impressive. **MISS RASCAL** was a three-length winner over course and distance on her second outing.

SELECTIONS: TRULY ENCHANTING, MISS RASCAL

3.05

BIRDMAN scored on his debut at Cork. Three of those behind have won since, including Highbury, who he faces again today. Followed up with an easy listed win at Navan.

SELECTION: BIRDMAN

3.45

Last year's winner **ROGUE MILLENNIUM** was an unlucky third on her seasonal debut. **ROYAL DRESS** was also unlucky when third behind Breege at Epsom.



Transformed since joining the James Tate yard.

SELECTIONS: ROGUE MILLENNIUM, ROYAL DRESS

4.25

The top two have yet to sparkle, so **BLUE ROSE CEN** (above) is taken to give a good account. Winner of the Prix de Diane and Prix L'Opera last term, she should improve on her seasonal bow.

SELECTION: BLUE ROSE CEN

5.05

METAL MERCHANT chased home Sonny Liston at Newbury, having won the Spring Cup. Fourth last year, **AERON POWER** has a penalty for a recent win but Ryan Moore rides.

SELECTIONS: METAL MERCHANT, AERON POWER

5.40

ELIM won twice last term and ran well after a year's lay-off last time. **ADELAISE** was fourth last year and scored a personal best in a listed event at Kempton in April.

SELECTIONS: ELIM, ADELAISE

PLACEPOT PLAN: 16 lines at £0.50 = £8

4.25 THE PRINCE OF WALES'S STAKES

((GROUP 1) (1) (4YO+) 1m2f Winner £567,100 (10 run)) STV/ITV/SKY

ALF A CHANCE Alflaila can get his own back against Auguste Rodin

AL RIGHT FOR A HUGE PRIZE

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3

1 ALFLAILA
2 AUGUSTE RODIN
3 LORD NORTH

ALFLAILA is capable of rewarding each-way support – at the very least.

To get his head in front, Owen Burrows' son of Dark Angel must turn around the form from the Irish Champion Stakes at Leopardstown last September.

Auguste Rodin finished first that day, with my selection just over three lengths behind the winner in fifth.

But that doesn't tell the whole story.

The Aidan O'Brien-saddled runners controlled the pace in the 10-furlong test, handing an advantage to the prominent racers – including Auguste Rodin, above – meaning those trying to come from the back were up against it.

Alflaila, placed towards the rear by a sluggish start, came home strongly in the style of a horse who can make his presence felt at the top level.

That performance wasn't a flash in the pan – he had captured the Group Two York Stakes on his previous start.



And Alflaila's record fresh suggests the 284-day absence since Leopardstown will not be a handicap for a horse whose connections aim high by coming here instead of taking in yesterday's Listed Wolferton Stakes.

Auguste Rodin rates the horse to beat on his best efforts, even if he hasn't hit the heights yet in 2024.

Inspiral is entitled to step forward from an admittedly dull return-to-action fourth in Newbury's Lockinge Stakes, while her stablemate **Lord North** lifted this race four years ago and isn't written off.



1 (2) 11/15- **ALFLAILA** (284) (C, D)
Owen Burrows 5 9-2 **J Crowley** 125 GF
7-1 (9-9) Towards rear, soon ridden and 7th 1f out, kept on inside to go 5th, 5th of 8, 3½l behind Auguste Rodin (9-3) at Leopardstown 1m 2f Grp 1 (1) gd in Sep

2 (3) 011-02 **AUGUSTE RODIN** (24) (BF, D) (SF)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9-2 **R L Moore** 131 GS
11-10fav (9-5) Dwelt slightly, 2nd 2f out, lead narrowly 1½f out, no extra in 2nd inside final furlong, 2nd of 8, 3l behind White Birch (9-5) at Curragh 1m 2f Grp 1 (1) in May

3 (6) 80-156 **HANS ANDERSEN** (24)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9-2 **W M Lordan** 114 GF
33-1 (9-5) Led, joined 4f out, ridden and led 2½f out, headed 1½f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 8, 15l behind White Birch (9-5) at Curragh 1m 2f Grp 1 (1) in May

4 (7) 0-4252 **HORIZON DORE** (24) (D)
P Cottier (FR) 4 9-2 **M Barzalona** 125 GS
11-2 (9-2) 2nd of 8, shd behind Mqse De Sevigne (8-12) at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 1f Grp 1 sft in May

5 (5) 11-283 **LORD NORTH** (54) (CD)
J & T Gosden 8 9-2 **W Buick** 122 G
10-3 (9-3) Raced in 3rd, angled out 2f out, 2nd inside final furlong until final 110 yards, no extra in 3rd, 3rd of 6, 1½l behind Charyn (9-3) at Sandown 1m Grp 2 (1) gs in Apr

6 (1) 0115-1 **ROYAL RHYME** (27) (D) (EW)
K R Burke 4 9-2 **C Lee** 125 GF
1-2fav (9-2) Raced in 3rd, closed over 2f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, won at Sandown 1m 2f Grp 3 (1) sft in May beating Certain Lad (9-2) by 1l, 4 ran

7 (9) 21-79 **SNOBBISH** (33) (D)
M Guarnieri (ITY) 4 9-2 **Fabien Lefebvre** 95 GS
40-1 (8-13) 9th of 13, 8l behind Andromede (8-13) at Chantilly(FR) 1m 1f stks sft in May

8 (8) 116-18 **ZARAKEM** (52) (D)
J Reynier (FR) 4 9-2 **M Guyon** 122 H
7-2 (9-2) 8th of 9, 6l behind Haya Zark (9-2) at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 2f Grp 1 (1) sft in Apr

9 (4) 1451-5 **BLUE ROSE CEN** (24) (D)
M Guarnieri (ITY) 4 8-13 **C Soumillon** 125 GS
15-2 (8-12) 5th of 8, 2¼l behind Mqse De Sevigne (8-12) at ParisLongchamp(FR) 1m 1f Grp 1 sft in May

10 (10) 5111-4 **INSPIRAL** (32) (BF, C, D) (F)
J & T Gosden 5 8-13 **K Shoemark** 133 GF
2-1fav (8-13) Switched right to near side after 1f, in rear, headway over 1f out, kept on same pace, 4th of 10, 13l behind Audience (9-2) at Newbury 1m Grp 1 (1) gd in May

BETTING: 5-4 Auguste Rodin, 5-2 Inspiral, 6 Horizon Dore, 10 Blue Rose Cen, Alflaila, 20 Zarakem, Royal Rhyme, 25 Lord North.

2023: MOSTAHDAF 5 9 2, Jim Crowley 10-1 (J & T Gosden), drawn (6), 6 ran.

LONGEST TRAVELLERS

Sir Mark Prescott sends JAZZ SCENE (4.10) on a 360-mile trip to Hamilton. And Karl Burke sends LEOVANNI (2.30), MISS LAMAI (2.30), IMPERIAL SOVEREIGN (3.05), ROYAL RHYME (4.25), HOLLOWAY BOY (5.05), BACK SEE DAA (5.40) and ARTAGNAN (6.15) 252 miles to Royal Ascot.

TOTESCOOP6 TODAY'S RACES

Leg 1: 2.30 Ascot; **Leg 2:** 3.05 Ascot; **Leg 3:** 3.45 Ascot; **Leg 4:** 5.05 Ascot; **Leg 5:** 5.40 Ascot; **Leg 6:** 6.15 Ascot.

WIN FUND: £229,149 **BONUS FUND:** £178,546

5.05 THE ROYAL HUNT CUP

(HERITAGE HANDICAP) (3YO+) 1m Winner £90,195 (30 run) STV/ITV/SKY

OPEN D'OR TO VICTORY

1 (19) 5426-1 **SONNY LISTON** (32) (D)
R Beckett 5 9-13 **Rossa Ryan** 113 GF
10-1 (9-12) In rear centre,, headway over 1f out, ridden to lead inside final furlong, won at Newbury 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May beating Metal Merchant (9-3) by 2½l, 12 ran

2 (16) -42364 **SEAN** (18) (D)
J Osborne 7 9-10 **S Osborne** 112 G
10-1 (9-8) Held up in touch, ridden and effort over 2f out, no extra inside final 100 yards, 4th of 8, 6l behind Royal Scotsman (9-8) at Epsom Downs 1m Grp 3 (1) gs

3 (7) -23124 **KINGDOM COME** (49)
C Cox 5 9-9 **R Kingscote** 114 SF
11-1 (9-5) Held up in last pair out wide, pushed along over 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 4th of 5, 10l behind Quddwah (9-5) at Ascot 1m Listed stks (1) gs in May

4 (23) /94-43 **HOLLOWAY BOY** (60) (BF, C)
K R Burke 4 9-7 **S James** 110 G
15-8fav (9-4) Led, ridden and headed over 2f out, carried rival over 1f out, no extra inside final furlong, 3rd of 5, 6l behind Shartash (9-4) at Thirsk 7f stks (3) sft in Apr

5 (5) 305-96 **STREETS OF GOLD** (39)
E J-Houghton 4 9-6 **C Bishop** 114 G
12-1 (9-5) In touch, ridden and headway approaching final furlong, 6th of 21, 2l behind The Wizard Of Eye (9-2) at Ascot 7f hcp (4yo+) (2) gd in May

6 (9) 1121-2 **BESHTANI** (19) (D) (F)
H Al Jehani (UAE) 4 9-6 **James Doyle** 118 GS
12-1 (9-9) Led early, went 2nd and edged left over 1f out, challenged inside final furlong, 2nd of 15, ns behind Two Tempting (8-7) at Epsom Downs 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May

7 (24) 30-379 **RAADOBARG** (53) (D)
G Boughey 6 9-5 **David Egan** 119 H
5-1 (9-12) Held up in rear, some headway over 3f out, soon ridden, weakened over 1f out, last of 9, 19l behind Miss Cantik (9-3) at Leicester 1m hcp 0-105 (2) sft in Apr

8 (17) 70171- **PEROTTO** (312) (CD) (EW)
R Varian 6 9-3 **T Marquand** 112 G
10-3 (9-7) Dwelt, soon recovered, angled out inside final 2f, went 2nd 1f out, strong challenge, won at Ascot 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in Aug beating Fox Tal (9-10) by hd, 10 ran

9 (29) 1315-0 **REAL GAIN** (60) (D) (SF)
R Hughes 4 9-3 **W Buick** 115 GF
8-1 (9-7) In rear, pushed along 2f out, kept on inside final furlong, never nearer, 10th of 21, 9l behind Metal Merchant (8-10) at Newbury 1m hcp (2) gs in Apr

10 (11) 120133 **TALIS EVOLVERE** (32) (D)
R Hannon 4 9-2 **J Leavy (5)** 114 G
9-2 (9-7) Prominent centre, every chance when groups merged 2f out, stayed on, 3rd of 12, 3½l behind Sonny Liston (9-12) at Newbury 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May

11 (22) 1188-7 **COEUR D'OR** (26) (D)
D K Weld (IRE) 8 9-2 **C D Hayes** 114 FM
12-1 (10-0) In rear, pushed along under 2f out, 11th 1f out, kept on well, never nearer, 7th of 17, 2¾l behind Red Letter Bray (9-2) at Curragh 6f prem hcp gd in May

12 (28) 750-30 **BLESS HIM** (11) (CD)
D M Simcock 10 9-2 **J P Spencer** 115 G
25-1 (9-2) Held up in rear, ridden 2f out, no impression, 10th of 11, 6l behind Tiber Flow (9-2) at Haydock 7f Grp 3 (1) gd

13 (15) 7258-6 **PADISHAKH** (88) (D)
D O'Meara 4 9-2 **S M Levey** 112 G
11-1 (9-2) Tracked leader near side until over 2f out, ridden and weakened over 1f out, 6th of 7, 20l behind Charyn (9-2) at Doncaster 1m Listed stks (1) sft in Mar

14 (14) 1041-8 **THE GATEKEEPER** (88) (CD)
C Johnston 5 9-2 **N Callan** 113 S
12-1 (9-2) Tracked leaders near side, pushed along 2f out, weakened over 1f out, 8th of 20, 11l behind Mr Professor (8-8) at Doncaster 1m hcp (4yo+) (2) sft in Mar

15 (12) 1062-5 **ROPEY GUEST** (39) (D)
G Margarson 7 9-2 **T P Queally** 114 G
33-1 (9-4) Close up, ridden and every chsance 2f out, kept on same pace final furlong, 5th of 21, 2l behind The Wizard Of Eye (9-2) at Ascot 7f hcp (4yo+) (2) gd in May

16 (1) 343-01 **AERION POWER** (17) (D)
Sir M Stoute 6 9-2 **R L Moore** 111 G
8-1 (9-9) Held up towards rear, headway on outer well over 2f out, led 110 yards out, kept on, won at Nottingham 1m hcp 0-95 (3) gd bt Great Blasket (8-5) by ½l, 9 ran

17 (27) 070-40 **BLUE FOR YOU** (19) (D)
D O'Meara 6 9-1 **D Tudhope** 111 G
14-1 (9-4) Held up towards rear, ridden over 2f out, no impression, 12th of 15, 9l behind Two Tempting (8-7) at Epsom Downs 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May

18 (3) 71-740 **THUNDER BALL** (47) (D)
P & O Cole 4 9-1 **Alec Voikhansky (3)** 116 G
5-1 (9-4) Chased winner 4f, chased leaders, weakened, last of 10, 11l behind Noble Dynasty (9-12) at Newmarket 7f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May

19 (13) 41-203 **SILENT FILM** (57) (D)
I Williams 6 9-0 **DOUBTFUL**
8-1 (9-7) Chased leaders, pushed along over 3f out, ridden 1f out, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 7, 6l bhd Crystal Delight (8-11) at Epsom Downs 1m 2f hcp 0-105 (2) gd in Apr

20 (20) 1/2411 **WILD TIGER** (26)
S bin Suroor 5 9-0 **O Murphy** 118 GF
7-4fav (9-11) Close up, pushed along to lead entering final furlong, ran on, readily, won at Goodwood 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gd in May beating Toimy Son (9-9) by 2½l, 12 ran

21 (2) 797-59 **MIRSKY** (34) (D)
D O'Meara 5 8-13 **M Guyon** 112 S
11-1 (9-4) Held up off the pace towards rear, never threatened, 9th of 17, 9l behind Point Lynas (9-6) at York 1m hcp (2) gd in May

22 (30) -31385 **FANTASTIC FOX** (19) (D)
R Varian 6 8-13 **A Keeley (3)** 114 G
11-1 (8-13) Held up towards rear, ridden over 2f out, stayed on inside final furlong, 5th of 15, 4l behind Two Tempting (8-7) at Epsom Downs 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May

23 (8) 210-12 **METAL MERCHANT** (32) (CD)
J Channon 4 8-13 **D Probert** 113 GF
6-1 (9-3) In touch centre, headway 2f out, every chance over 1f out, 2nd of 12, 2½l behind Sonny Liston (9-12) at Newbury 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May

24 (10) 131-32 **DAYSOFOURLIVES** (31) (CD)
M Botti 4 8-13 **L Morris** 114 GF
7-2 (9-9) Held up, pushed along over 3f out, chasing leaders over 1f out, driven into 2nd, 2nd of 7, 1¾l bhd Mythical Guest (8-8) at Newmarket 1m 2f hcp 0-95 (3) gf in May

25 (4) 2-4507 **TEMPUS** (32) (CD)
A Watson 8 8-12 **K Shoemark** ●120 G
25-1 (9-6) Close up centre, pushed along when groups merged 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 12, 7l bhd Sonny Liston (9-12) at Newbury 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gd in May

26 (26) 004-00 **IMPERIAL FIGHTER** (4)
J Osborne 5 8-11 **C Shepherd** 111 GF
50-1 (9-9) Raced keenly, always towards rear, 12th of 15, 9l behind Two Tempting (9-7) at Sandown 1m hcp 0-100 (2) gs

27 (18) 477294 **KING'S CODE** (4) (D)
P Evans 4 8-9 **S De Sousa** 115 G
10-1 (9-3) Held up in rear, outpaced over 3f out, some headway over 1f out, ran on inside final furlong,, 4th of 8, 5l bhd Loyal Touch (9-2) at Chester 1m 2f hcp 0-95 (3) sft

28 (25) -02208 **DUTCH DECOY** (19) (D)
C Johnston 7 8-9 **J Fanning** 116 G
14-1 (8-12) In touch in mid-division, hampered over 1f out, no impression final furlong, 8th of 15, 6l behind Two Tempting (8-7) at Epsom Downs 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May

29 (31) 158-23 **REGHEEB** (27) (D)
A Watson 4 8-8 **H Doyle** 114 GS
16-1 (9-6) Chased leader who went clear 6f out, closed to lead 2f out, lost 2nd towards finish, 3rd of 9, 2½l bhd Dual Identity (9-7) at Sandown 1m hcp 0-95 (3) sft in May

30 (21) 15-210 **ELDRICKJONES** (33) (BF, D)
R Fell & S Murray 5 8-8 **Billy Loughnane** 116 SF
11-2fav (9-12) Close up, pushed along 3f out, weakened 2f out, 18th of 20, 20l behind Riot (9-6) at York 7f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May

31 (32) 510-14 **CRACK SHOT** (27) (BF, D)
E Walker 4 8-8 **Mikael Barzalona** 115 G
16-5fav (9-6) Held up, effort over 2f out, switched right, stayed on pace inside final furlong, 4th of 9, 5l bhd Dual Identity (9-7) at Sandown 1m hcp 0-95 (3) sft in May

BETTING: 8 Wild Tiger, 10 Real Gain, Beshtani, 12 Sonny Liston, Coeur d'Or, 14 Metal Merchant, Bless Him, Holloway Boy, Tempus, The Gatekeeper, Streets Of Gold.
2023: JIMI HENDRIX 4 9 5, Rossa Ryan 22-1 (R Beckett), drawn (7), 30 ran.


COEUR BLIMEY Coeur D'Or powers home to win last year's Irish Cambridgeshire

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 COEUR D'OR
2 WILD TIGER
3 SONNY LISTON

COEUR D'OR caught the eye over six furlongs at the Curragh on his comeback run and will be well served by the return to a mile.

His career has been a touch stop-start but the Dermot Weld trainee really found his stride as a seven-year-old in 2023, winning handicaps at Galway, Leopardstown and the Curragh.

And there was certainly enough in his comeback effort in Co Kildare 26 days ago to make Coeur D'Or of significant interest today.

Racing over six for the very first time as he appeared in a Flat race for the 17th time, Chris Hayes' mount – not surprisingly – found things happening too quickly.

But he steamed home from the back of the field to take seventh, beaten just under three lengths, to Red Letter Bray and can make his presence felt from the same rating

In a typically wide-open renewal, **Wild Tiger**, **Beshtani**, **Sonny Liston** and **Perotto** are just four names worth throwing into the melting pot.

BOX CLEVER ON SONNY LISTON


HANDY TYPE Sonny Liston can win a heavyweight encounter in the Royal Hunt Cup

APPLY a knockout blow to the bookies in the Royal Hunt Cup (5.05) by backing **SONNY LISTON**.

The Ralph Beckett-trained son of Lawman was runner-up in this race last year and has shaped well without having much luck in some competitive events subsequently.

It then all clicked when he scored with an improved showing at Newbury on his reappearance this term and another bold showing seems likely.

Earlier on in the day, Irish eyes can be smiling.

BIRDMAN looks set to fly home in the Queen's Vase (3.05) for the Jessica Harrington yard.

The bay gelding was a debut winner at Cork in April (with the reopposing Highbury back in third) and showed much improved form to maintain his unbeaten record in a Listed race at Navan last month.

He has already outstayed his pedigree and looks capable of better still.

In the following event, the Duke of Cambridge Stakes (3.45), have an each-way play on the Joseph O'Brien-trained **GREGARINA**.

The €210,000 purchase showed useful form in France before making a perfect start for her new yard when taking the Group Three Athasi Stakes at the Curragh in May, staying on to lead in the dying strides, making this return to a longer trip a big plus.

Finally, in the concluding Windsor Castle Stakes (6.15), march into the winners' enclosure with **SHADOW ARMY**.

The dogs were barking about Richard Fahey's juvenile before his York debut and he duly obliged, although it was hard work. However, the form has really worked out, as the second, Francisco's Piece, is now a Listed winner in France, so Shadow Army rates a more than decent bet.

WINNER MACHINE
BRYAN WALKER'S Wednesday eyecatchers

TODAY'S SELECTIONS
Sonny Liston
5.05 Ascot
Birdman
3.05 Ascot
Gregarina (ew)
3.45 Ascot
Shadow Army
6.15 Ascot

5.40 THE KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES

(HERITAGE HANDICAP) (4YO+ FILLIES & MARES) 1m Winner £56,694 (25 run) STV/ITV/SKY

1 (24) 786-46 **VILLANOVA QUEEN** (24) (CD)
J Harrington (IRE) 5 9-12 S Foley 98 G
14-1 (9-2) Held up towards rear, some progress 2f out, ridden 1½f out, 6th 1f out, kept on one pace, 6th of 8, 5l bhd Ocean Jewel (9-2) at Curragh 1m fll Grp 2 stks (1) gd in May

2 (22) 5245-1 **ADELAISE** (74) (D)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 5 9-10 W Buick 100 SS
10-3 (9-2) Bit keen early, wide over 2f out, 2nd inside final furlong, stayed on to lead final strides, won at Kempton 1m fll lst stks (1) pol in Apr bt Choisya (9-2) by hd, 10 ran

3 (8) 640-68 **MAMMAS GIRL** (24)
A Murray (IRE) 4 9-9 David Egan 102 GS
14-1 (9-2) Held up towards rear, ridden and no impression 2f out, kept on one pace, last of 8, 6l behind Ocean Jewel (9-2) at Curragh 1m fll Grp 2 stks (1) gd in May

4 (7) 3-6463 **MYSTIC PEARL** (39) (D)
W Haggas 4 9-9 T Marquand 101 G
18-1 (9-12) Towards rear, pushed along and headway over 1f out, stayed on towards finish, 3rd of 10, 1½l behind Bellarchi (7-12) at Ascot 1m fll hcp (2) gd in May

5 (15) 135-06 **VETIVER** (39) (D)
A Balding 4 9-8 O Murphy 103 S
14-1 (9-6) Held up, closed over 4f out, ridden 2f out, weakened final furlong, 6th of 9, 9l behind Great Generation (8-8) at Lingfield 7f flls Group 3 stks (1) gd in May

6 (17) 0831-9 **CELL SA BEELA** (39) (C)
R Varian 4 9-7 James Doyle 101 GS
11-1 (9-6) Chased leaders, lost place over 2f out, soon well beaten, last of 9, 13l behind Great Generation (8-8) at Lingfield 7f flls Group 3 stks (1) gd in May

7 (1) 142- **FAKHAMA** (309) (BF)
W Haggas 4 9-5 C Fallon 93 G
8-11fav (9-4) Prominent, in share of second before 3f out, shaken up 2f out, kept on final furlong, 2nd of 6, 4l bhd Shining Jewel (8-11) at Chelmsford City 1m (5) pol in Aug

8 (14) 13-731 **TWIRLING** (19) (D) (F)
S & E Crisford 4 9-4 R L Moore 106 G
4-1 (9-11) Tracked leaders, strong challenge to lead inside final furlong, won at Doncaster 1m hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May beating Roarin' Success (9-5) by ½l, 11 ran

9 (4) /2166- **BACK SEE DAA** (323) (D)
K R Burke 4 9-3 C Lee 101 G
10-1 (9-8) Raced keenly, pushed along over 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 6th of 18, 4l behind Choisya (9-6) at Goodwood 1m flls hcp 0-95 (3) gs in Aug

10 (18) 8645-7 **KARSAVINA** (26)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 4 9-2 D McMonagle 103 GS
14-1 (9-1) Slowly into stride, in rear, ridden in 8th 1f out, kept on without threatening, 7th of 14, 3½l behind State Actor (8-10) at Curragh 1m prem hcp gd in May

11 (10) 41-1 **SUMMER OF LOVE** (14) (SF)
S bin Suroor 4 9-0 C Soumillon 101 ST
7-2 (10-2) Made all, going well 2f out, clear final furlong, ran on well, won at Kempton 7f nov stk (4) pol beating Bobby Bennu (9-4) by 1¼l, 12 ran

12 (2) 3-0067 **FARHH TO SHY** (17) (CD)
G Margarson 6 9-0 T P Queally 101 G
17-2 (9-3) Led well over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, headed 110 yards out, weakened towards finish, 7th of 9, 3½l bhd Aerion Power (9-9) at Nottingham 1m hcp 0-95 (3) gd

13 (16) 1136-7 **ROWAYEH** (46) (D)
Owen Burrows 4 8-13 J Crowley 103 G
11-2 (9-10) Raced towards near side, plugged on late, never going pace to get involved, 7th of 16, 7l behind Crack Shot (9-9) at Newmarket 1m hcp 0-90 (3) gd in May

14 (23) 49-070 **CANOODLED** (19) (D)
E Walker 6 8-11 L Morris 98 G
50-1 (8-6) Slowly away, ridden over 2f out, some late headway, no chance, 10th of 15, 6l behind Two Tempting (8-7) at Epsom Downs 1m hcp 0-105 (2) gs in May

15 (9) 311-64 **MOONSPIRIT** (21) (D)
G Boughey 4 8-11 Billy Loughnane 105 SF
14-1 (10-3) Chased leaders on inside, pushed along over 2f out, weakened final furlong, 4th of 10, 8l behind Fair Angellica (9-4) at Kempton 7f fll hcp (4) pol in May

16 (21) 341-2 **DOHA** (26) (BF, D)
R Beckett 4 8-11 H Crouch 104 S
8-13fav (9-6) Disputed lead early, ridden over 2f out, every chance inside final furlong, 2nd of 5, nk behind Never Ending (9-9) at Haydock 1m 2f hcp 0-85 (4) sft in May

17 (19) 035-22 **ROARIN' SUCCESS** (19) (CD)
Harry Charlton 4 8-11 T Whelan 106 G
10-3 (9-5) Led, ridden over 1f out, narrowly headed inside final furlong, kept on, 2nd of 11, ½l behind Twirling (9-11) at Doncaster 1m hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May

18 (20) 4/1523 **HOPEFUL** (32) (D)
A Balding 4 8-10 M Barzalona 107 G
4-1 (9-5) Ridden to lead over 1f out, bumped rival, headed towards finish, no extra in 3rd, 3rd of 9, ½l behind Great Blasket (8-12) at Newmarket 1m hcap (3) gd in May

19 (11) 812-21 **RAJINDRI** (28) (EW)
Tom Clover 4 8-10 K Shoemark 108 ST
4-1 (9-6) Mid-division, headway over 2f out, switched right over 1f out, led inside final furlong, won at Kempton 7f hcp 0-85 (4) pol in May bt Metaverse (9-5) by nk, 10 ran

20 (13) /211-4 **ELIM** (30) (BF, D)
E Bethell 4 8-9 J P Spencer 102 S
10-3fav (9-7) Raced wide keen in touch, pushed along and headway 2f out, kept on one pace, 4th of 10, 2¼l behind Ron O (9-9) at Redcar 1m hcp 0-85 (4) gf in May

21 (12) 23-884 **MOTHER MARY** (15)
R Hughes 4 8-7 G Rooke 107 SS
11-2 (9-2) In touch, pushed along 2f out, headway entering final furlong, stayed on towards finish, 4th of 7, 2l behind Metabolt (9-9) at Leicester 7f hcp 0-85 (4) sft

22 (25) 2156-1 **AZAHARA PALACE** (23) (D)
H Morrison 4 8-7 S De Sousa 106 G
9-1 (9-3) Held up off the pace towards rear, steady headway inside final 2f, chasing leaders over 1f out, strong run inside final furlong, led towards finish, won going away, won at Leicester 1m hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May beating Indemnity (9-9) by 1l, 11 ran

23 (6) 121-56 **AURORA DAWN** (26)
E Walker 4 8-7 S Osborne 106 GF
10-1 (9-1) Dwelt, in rear, headway when not clear run on inner from over 1f out, stayed on, 6th of 12, 6l behind Wild Tiger (9-11) at Goodwood 7f hcp 0-90 (3) gd in May

24 (3) -11156 **CIARA PEARL** (8) (D)
D & C Kubler 4 8-4 Jack Doughty (5) 103 GS
15-2 (10-2) Raced wide close up, pushed along 2f out, kept on same pace, 6th of 10, 5l behind Quietness (9-10) at Salisbury 1m 2f hcap (4) gf

25 (5) 28-722 **VICTORIA FALLS** (8) (D)
H Palmer 5 8-2 C Planas (3) ● 109 G
4-1 (9-9) In touch, headway near side over 2f out, ridden to lead 2f out, headed towards finish, 2nd of 10, ¾l bh Own Accord (9-10) at Wetherby 1m hcp 0-75 (5) gd

BETTING: 7 Summer Of Love, 8 Twirling, Doha, 10 Elim, Fakhama, 12 Mystic Pearl, Rowayeh, Adelaise.
2023: VILLANOVA QUEEN 4 9 10, Colin Keane 25-1 (J Harrington), drawn (8), 19 ran.

GIVE US A BIG TWIRL

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 TWIRLING
2 ELIM
3 RAJINDRI

TWIRLING has the profile of a lightly raced, progressive filly and should give a good account of herself.

Unraced as a juvenile, the daughter of Churchill – trained in tandem by Simon and Ed Crisford – won twice at Kempton from four outings, all on Polytrack, as a three-year-old last season.

Things didn't fall Twirling's way in the Winter Oaks at Lingfield in



January but there was promise in her turf debut third at Nottingham two starts ago. And Twirling, above, went two better over today's one-mile trip at Doncaster at the end of last month, keeping on determinedly to hold **Roarin' Success** by half a length.

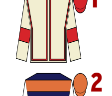
There's a 5lb rise in the handicap to deal with here but Twirling has more to offer as she steps out on to the natural surface for the third time.

The booking of Ryan Moore for today's test is an obvious plus.

Dangers lurk at every turn, with **Elim**, **Doha**, **Mystic Pearl** and **Rajindri** all boasting podium claims in this one.

6.15 THE WINDSOR CASTLE STAKES

(LISTED) (1) (2YO) 5f Winner £62,381 (28 run) ITV4/SKY



1 (27) 1 **AIN'T NOBODY** (19) (D)
K Ryan 9-5 J P Spencer 90 GF
8-1 (9-7) Close 3rd, went 2nd halfway, ridden to lead inside final furlong, won at Carlisle 5f 2yo nov stk (3) gs in May beating Georgecandoit (9-7) by 1¾l, 6 ran

2 (20) 625 **ARABIAN COBRA** (13)
H Palmer 9-5 D Probert 86 GF
5-2 (9-7) Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, switched left 2f out, weakened final furlong, 5th of 15, 3½l bhd Dubai Bling (9-7) at Haydock 6f 2yo nov stk (3) gd

3 (5) 2 **ARTAGNAN** (14) (BF)
K R Burke 9-5 W Buick 88 GF
6-4fav (9-4) Chased leaders, led 2f out, headed 1f out, no impression on winner towards finish, 2nd of 10, 2l behind Loom (9-4) at Ripon 5f 2yo nov stk (5) gd

4 (24) 555 **BRETTON WOOD** (23)
James Owen 9-5 S De Sousa 78 GF
5-1 (9-7) Led at strong pace, driven over 1f out, headed 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, 5th of 9, 8l behind El Burhan (9-7) at Yarmouth 7f 2yo nov stk (4) gs in May

5 (7) 5313 **BROSAY** (22) (D)
D Dias (IRE) 9-5 G M Ryan 91 S
8-1 (9-6) In touch, improved to lead over 1f out, kept on final furlong, headed final 100 yards, no extra and dropped to 3rd close home, 3rd of 6, 2l behind Evening Saigon (9-2) at Tipperary 5f 2yo stk sft in May

6 (9) 24 **CALYXOH** (15) (BF)
J Chapple-Hyam 9-5 Billy Loughnane 81 G
5-2fav (9-7) Raced wide prominent, ridden and every chance over 1f out, no extra towards finish, 4th of 14, 2l behind Pentle Bay (9-7) at Leicester 6f 2yo mdn (5) gs

7 (12) 1 **CELTIC CHIEFTAIN** (11) (D)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-5 W M Lordan 93 G
8-1 (9-7) Mid-division, pushed along in 5th under 2f out, soon 2nd, led final 50 yards, kept on well, won at Navan 5f 2yo mdn gd beating Red Evolution (9-7) by nk, 16 ran

8 (1) 2 **CHEVAL DE GUERRE** (55)
E Kenneally (USA) 9-5 O Murphy 80 FM
33-10 (8-7) Cleard,bestd grudgngly, 2nd of 16 Into Diamonds (8-7) at Keeneland(USA) 5f 2yo mdn gd in Apr

9 (2) 15 **END OF STORY** (19) (D)
K Ryan 9-5 K Stott 85 GS
9-2 (9-7) Edged left and bumped start, led, headed over 1f out, no extra well inside final furlong, 5th of 10, 3½l bhd Teej A (9-2) at Epsom Downs 6f 2yo stks (2) gs in May

10 (3) 72 **FUJI MOUNTAIN** (17)
D Carroll 9-5 C Shepherd 85 GF
33-1 (9-7) Led, pushed along and edged left over 1f out, soon headed, no extra inside final furlong, 2nd of 12, 2¼l behind Kassaya (9-2) at Nottingham 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd

11 (26) 1 **GABALDON** (39) (D)
J D Angelo (USA) 9-5 Emisael Jaramillo 87 FM
16-1 (8-6) Rail duel, shook clear, won at Gulfstream(USA) 5f 2yo stk gd in May beating Reach For The Rose (8-6) by 1¼l, 11 ran

12 (18) 16 **HAWAIIAN** (27) (BF, D)
R Hannon 9-5 S M Levey 94 G
6-5fav (9-5) Led, ridden over 1f out, headed 1f out, weakened inside final furlong, last of 6, 7l behind Enchanting Empress (9-0) at Sandown 5f 2yo lst stk (1) sft in May

13 (4) 3 **HONORARY AMERICAN** (26) (BF)
W A Ward (USA) 9-5 J Rosario 78 FS
1-1fav (8-7) Out foe 2p turn,tired, 3rd of 9 Soontobeking (8-7) at Belmont At The Big A(USA) 5f 2yo mdn fst in May



MARCH ON Shadow Army is on the move



RICH PICKINGS Treasure Isle, right, has many backers

14 (21) 5137 **JM JHINGREE** (1) (D)
J & S Quinn 9-5 J Hart 85 G
11-2 (9-6) Midfield, headway 3f out, outpaced 2f out, weakened inside final furlong, 7th of 8, 5¼l behind Educating Rita (8-13) at Catterick 5f 2yo stks (2) gs

15 (11) 3 **KARL CARLSTON** (35) (BF)
Raphael Freire 9-5 Rossa Ryan 74 G
7-4fav (9-7) Prominent, pushed along 3f out, headway to chase leader 2f out, lost 2nd final stride, 3rd of 14, 5l bhd Spirited Dancer (9-2) at Bath 6f 2yo mdn (4) gd in May

16 (23) 11 **PONT NEUF** (34) (D)
E J-Houghton 9-5 C Bishop 89 S
8-1 (9-8) Close up, joined leader inside final furlong, quickened to lead, won at Salisbury 5f 2yo nov stk (4) sft in May bt Kassaya (8-13) by ¾l, 6 ran

17 (13) 724 **REPOSADO** (27)
Raphael Freire 9-5 David Egan 91 G
7-1 (9-5) Tracked leader, ridden over 1f out, no telling impression, 4th of 6, 4½l behind Enchanting Empress (9-0) at Sandown 5f 2yo lst stk (1) sft in May

18 (19) 15 **ROCK N ROLL ROCKET** (22) (D)
J Harrington (IRE) 9-5 S Foley 87 GS
4-1 (9-4) Soon led, headed under 2f out, lost place over 1f out, soon weakened quickly, 5th of 6, 15l behind Evening Saigon (9-2) at Tipperary 5f 2yo stk sft in May

19 (28) 3 **RUDI'S APPLE** (21)
J P O'Brien (IRE) 9-5 D McMonagle 79 S
5-1 (9-5) Close up towards rear, pushed along over 1f out, kept on into 3rd 1f out, not pace to challenge, 3rd of 7, 2¾l bhd Sir Yoshi (9-5) at Tipperary 5f mdn stks sft in May

20 (8) 3 **SENSORIUM** (25)
D Cunha 9-5 R Clutterbuck 74 GF
16-1 (9-7) Chased leaders, effort and close up 2f out, switched left, same pace inside final furlong, 3rd of 11, 4½l bhd Afentiko (9-7) at Windsor 6f 2yo nov stk (5) gd in May

21 (14) 13 **SEX ON FIRE** (49) (D)
R Spencer 9-5 T Marquand 89 GS
17-2 (9-7) Held up in 5th, outpaced over 1f out, plugged on final furlong, went 3rd towards finish, 3rd of 6, 1¾l behind Enchanting Empress (9-2) at Ascot 5f 2yo stks (2) gs in May

22 (6) 1 **SHADOW ARMY** (35) (D) (F)
R Fahey 9-5 James Doyle 92 G
9-2fav (9-2) Hampered start, pushed along approaching final furlong, ridden to lead final furlong, won at York 5f 2yo nov stk (2) gd in May bt Francisco's Piece (9-7) by shd, 11 ran

23 (25) 231 **SIR YOSHI** (21) (D)
D Marnane (IRE) 9-5 L T McAteer 90 GS
9-4fav (9-5) Chased leaders, pushed along 2f out, pressed leader 1f out, led 50 yards out, won at Tipperary 5f mdn stks sft in May beating Passing Phase (9-2) by ½l, 7 ran

24 (15) 21 **TREASURE ISLE** (31) (D) (SF)
A P O'Brien (IRE) 9-5 R L Moore ● 97 GS
8-13fav (9-5) Broke well and led, joined briefly and pushed along 2f out, regained lead under 2f out, strongly pressed 1f out, stayed on well under pressure final furlong, won at Naas 5f 2yo stk gd in May beating Saratoga Special (9-0) by ½l, 5 ran

25 (17) 1 **VINGEGAARD** (36) (D)
A Watson 9-5 H Doyle 82 S
5-1 (9-7) Tracked leader, led under 3f out, ridden under 2f out, ran on well final furlong, won at Chepstow 5f 2yo mdn (5) sft in May beating Cayman Tai (9-7) by 1½l, 6 ran

26 (16) 3 **WEISSMULLER** (17)
A Watson 9-5 L Morris 79 GF
33-1 (9-7) Tracked leaders, pushed along over 2f out, no impression and kept on same pace, 3rd of 12, 4l behind Kassaya (9-2) at Nottingham 5f 2yo mdn (5) gd

27 (10) 14 **ZABEEL ROAD** (35) (D)
C Johnston 9-5 J Fanning 84 G
5-1 (9-7) Tracked leaders, ridden to lead approaching final furlong, soon headed, no extra, 4th of 11, 4l behind Shadow Army (9-2) at York 5f 2yo nov stk (2) gd in May

28 (22) 13 **AVIATION TIME** (11) (EW)
R Hughes 9-0 D Tudhope 87 G
10-1 (9-2) Tracked leaders, not clear run over 1f out, ran on to go 3rd final strides, 3rd of 13, 2¾l behind Perfect Part (8-13) at Beverley 5f 2yo fll stks (2) gf

BETTING: 4 Treasure Isle, 5 Shadow Army, 6 Celtic Chieftain, 8 Hawaiian, Gabaldon, 12 Honorary American, Cheval De Guerre, Pont Neuf.
2023: BIG EVS 9 5, Jason Hart 20-1 (M Appleby), drawn (19), 23 ran.

NEWSBOY'S 1-2-3
1 SHADOW ARMY
2 TREASURE ISLE
3 AIN'T NOBODY

SHADOW ARMY should have learned plenty from her debut success at York and is taken to remain unbeaten.

Richard Fahey elected to give the Showcasing-sired youngster his debut in a five-furlong novice stakes at York's Dante fixture last month.

Backed into 9-2 joint-favourite in a field of 11, Shadow Army showed his inexperience with a tardy start.

But she made ground at the halfway point and hit the front inside the final 110 yards to beat Francisco's Piece by a short head.

The runner-up gave the form a shot in the arm with a Listed win at Chantilly next time and Shadow Army, whose racecourse bow attracted the interest of big spenders Wathnan Racing, is expected to progress again.

Treasure Isle, **Celtic Chieftain** must enter calculations, in company with **Pont Neuf** as well as **Ain't Nobody**.

WORCESTER SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
2.05	TONTO FOLEY	GAMBIE TIEP
2.40	BOB BOB RICARD	BOB BOB RICARD
3.15	ELYSIAN KNIGHT	ELYSIAN KNIGHT
3.55	CAWTHORNE BANKER	CAWTHORNE BANKER
4.35	SEEYOUINMYDREAMS	SEEYOUINMYDREAMS
5.15	MELTON MOSSY	JOHNNY BOOM
5.50	HILLSIN	DASHER

GARRY'S DOUBLE: BESHTANI (NAP, 5.05 Royal Ascot) & Inspiral (4.25 Royal Ascot).

2.05 GET BEST ODDS GUARANTEED AT PLANETSPORTBET HANDICAP CHASE (5) Winner £3,248 (11 run) 2m 110yds

1 22P2-P **BLAZE A TRAIL** (24) J & R Flint 10 12-0 (D)..............**C Brace** 97
2 24P13- **FINALSHOT** (246) (T) Mrs M Rowley 11 11-13 (D²)..**C Deutsch** 96
3 /56-P3 **FLOATING ROCK** (18) (P) M Gates 9 11-10 (D³)....**C Ward** (3) 93
4 14654- **GAMBIE TIEP** (74) B Pauling 8 11-10 (D³).....**Beau Morgan** (5) 93
5 79F5-3 **GROOM DE COTTE** (41) (T) G Brown 8 11-8 ...**R McLernon** 91
6 1P31-1 **TONTO FOLEY** (26) (T) Christian Williams 6 11-6 (D³) .**J Tudor** 89
7 P34-1U **TROPICAL TALENT** (15) (T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 5 11-2 (D) ....**H Brooke** 85
8 4P45-6 **LET IT SHINE** (20) (P') C Longsdon 6 10-9 (BF)..**Lilly Pinchin** 78
9 PP6-6P **MOVES LIKE MONTY** (12) L Morgan 6 10-4 ....**A Wedge** 73
10 37P0-7 **SOLID FUEL** (7) Joanne Thomason-Murphy 6 10-2 ....**J Best** 68
11 P4PP-5 **LONIMOSS BARELIERE** (8) (B,T) B Summers 8 10-2........ ....**P Armson** (3) 67

BETTING: 9-4 Tonto Foley, 5 Tropical Talent, 13-2 Gambie Tiep, 7 Finalshot, 8 Let It Shine, 10 Blaze A Trail, Floating Rock, 14 Groom De Cotte, 16 Others.

2.40 RORY DALY HANDICAP CHASE (4) Winner £4,700 (13 run) 2m 4f

1 /4P6-3 **LE CAMELEON** (22) (T) K Bailey 9 12-0 (D)........**G Sheehan** 118
2 0/574- **DEFAN** (256) Alexandra Dunn 8 11-13.....................**N Scholfield** 117
3 2536-1 **BOB BOB RICARD** (20) (P) Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11-11 ....**Jonjo O'Neill Jr** 115
4 /2166- **NO NO MAESTRO** (54) (P,T) F O'Brien 9 11-11 (C,D) ...**J J Burke** 115
5 645-P7 **JUDGE EARLE** (18) P & M Bowen 12 11-11 (CD).....**S Bowen** 115
6 P1P-4P **JONY MAX** (18) (T) Christian Williams 9 11-8 ....**J Tudor** 112
7 /P364- **BARTON KNOLL** (245) J Mackie 12 11-8 (D)........**B Hughes** 112
8 3223-3 **HARDY BOY** (26) (V) B Pauling 7 11-6 (D²) ....**B R Jones** 110
9 /1P3-3 **CAPE VIDAL** (34) (T) A Honeyball 7 11-6 .....**S Twiston-Davies** 110
10 243-14 **POZO EMERY** (15) (P) L Morgan 9 11-5 (D).............**J Kington** 109
11 2163-3 **CHESS PLAYER** (23) (P) B Pauling 9 11-4 (C) ....**K Woods** 108
12 3221-6 **DUKE OF LUCKLEY** (30) (V) M Keighley 7 11-0 (BF,D).....**J Best** 104
13 3P5-P4 **YOU SAY NOTHING** (18) C Williams 9 10-12 ....**R T Dunne** 102

BETTING: 3 Bob Bob Ricard, 5 Hardy Boy, 8 Chess Player, Cape Vidal, Barton Knoll, 12 Le Cameleon, Duke Of Luckley, Pozo Emery, 14 Others.
2023: COURTLAND 8 11 9, Sean Bowen Evens Fav (P & M Bowen), 5 ran.

LE CAMELEON 15-2 (11-12, C Gethings) 3rd of 4, 10l behind Lipa K (11-2) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 4f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in May 5m 05.40s.
DEFAN 33-1 (11-12, Nick Scholfield) last of 4, well behind Guy (11-9) at Fontwell 2m 2f hcp chs 0-140 (3) gd in Oct 4m 27.46s.
BOB BOB RICARD 6-1 (11-4, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) won at Ffos Las 2m hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in May beating Nibras Gold (11-10) by 3/4l, 7 ran 3m 51.87s.
NO NO MAESTRO 14-1 (12-2, J J Burke) **Handy, not fluent 6th, not fluent 17th, pushed along and weakened 5 out,** 6th of 12, 31l behind Silver In Disguise (11-5) at Chepstow 3m 2f hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd in Apr 6m 45.23s.
JUDGE EARLE 33-1 (11-6, G Sheehan) **Jumped slowly in rear, well behind from 14th, tailed off,** 7th of 10, well behind Hidden Heroics (12-0) at Stratford 3m 3f hcp chs 0-125 (3) gd 6m 50.60s.
JONY MAX, did not finish, 16-1 (10-10, Elizabeth Gale) **Mid-division, lost place 8th, well behind 16th, pulled up after,** in a race won by Hidden Heroics (12-0) at Stratford 3m 3f hcp chs 0-125 (3) gd, 10 ran 6m 50.60s.
BARTON KNOLL 5-1 (10-3, Sean Quinlan) **Jumped boldly, led until 3 out, stayed on same pace from 2 out, lost 3rd towards finish,** 4th of 6, 3 1/2l behind Getaway Luv (10-8) at Wetherby 2m 3f hcp chs 0-140 (3) gd in Oct 4m 57.10s.
HARDY BOY 6-4 (11-3, Ben Jones) **Ducked round start, close up in 4th, mistake 9th, headway to track leaders 4 out, pushed along 2 out, soon outpaced,** 3rd of 4, 13l behind Riskintheground (11-3) at Hereford 2m 5f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gd in May 5m 21.12s.
CAPE VIDAL 4-1 (11-10, Sam Twiston-Davies) **Tracked clear winner, not fluent 5th and 4 out, ridden next, soon lost 2nd, weakened 2 out,** 3rd of 4, 20l behind Hecouldbetheone (11-7) at Fontwell 2m 3f hcp chs 0-120 (4) gs in May 4m 45.79s.
POZO EMERY 15-2 (11-2, J Kington) 4th of 6, 16l behind The Big Lense (11-0) at Southwell 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gs 5m 36.90s.
CHESS PLAYER 15-2 (11-9, Beau Morgan) 3rd of 6, 9l behind Great Samourai (11-9) at Huntingdon 2m hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in May 3m 56.69s.
DUKE OF LUCKLEY 4-1fav (11-11, James Best) **Raced in 3rd, tracked clear winner at 5th, mistake 4 out, lost remote 2nd after next, weakened before 2 out,** 6th of 10, 35l behind Time To Bite (10-12) at Newton Abbot 2m 5f hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd in May 5m 03.47s.
YOU SAY NOTHING 20-1 (11-2, G Sheehan) **Led, pushed along and headed after 2 out, bad mistake last, no extra flat,** 4th of 9, 11l behind Rotten Row (11-10) at Stratford 2m 5f hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd 5m 07.05s.

3.15 PJ NICHOLLS KGM KOREA GENUINELY MADE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (GBB RACE) (5) Winner £2,451 (12 run) 2m

1 3 **ELYSIAN KNIGHT** (34) N Mulholland 5 11-0 **S Twiston-Davies** —
2 2217-1 **HOLOKEA** (45) P & M Bowen 5 11-0 .... **J Bowen** —
3 4 **ROCKET MAN** (39) E Lavelle 5 11-0 (BF) ....**J A Anderson** (3) —
4 **ALL WELL AND GOOD** O Murphy 4 10-9.............**S Bowen** —
5 FP0- **AS GOOD AS CAN BE** (52) C Dyson 4 10-9.......**D Noonan** —
6 **CONFINENTIC** C Gordon 4 10-9 ....**R Dingle** —
7 **EVERYBODYDANCENOW** N Twiston-Davies 4 10-9 . **J Brace** (7) —
8 6 **PATCH MAN** (28) Sir M Prescott 4 10-9 (BF).............**H Cobden** —
9 7F-8 **STEEL SOLDIER** (38) J Norton 4 10-9........ **J Williamson** (3) —
10 **THEATRE OF FLIGHT** Jonjo & A O'Neill 4 10-9 ..**R McLernon** —
11 **WARFLEET** F Brennan 4 10-9 ....**G Sheehan** —
12 **NOELS DESTINY STAR** B Pauling 5 10-7 .... **B R Jones** —

BETTING: 4 Noels Destiny Star, 9-2 Elysian Knight, 6 All Well And Good, Rocket Man, Patch Man, 8 Holokea, 10 Theatre Of Flight, Everybodydancenow, Confinentic, 25 Others.
2023: OLIVERS TRAVELS 5 11 0, Sean Bowen 9-4 Fav (P & M Bowen), 8 ran.

ELYSIAN KNIGHT 5-1 (11-2, Sam Twiston-Davies) **Keen in touch, headway over 4f out, ridden to chase leaders over 1f out, kept on one pace,** 3rd of 12, 11l behind Groovy Blue (11-2) at Fontwell 2m 2f NH flat (5) gs in May 4m 16.53s.
HOLOKEA 7-2 (12-2, Mr E Mahon) **Ran 4th until 8l 3rd 6out, rdn brfly aftr 5out, clsr 3rd 3out, ld well aftr 3out, 2l adv & rdn 2out, went clr bef last,** won at Ballindenisk 3m ire ptp gd in May beating Salseros (11-6) by 30l, 5 ran.
ROCKET MAN 1-1fav (10-11, Joe Anderson) **Chased leaders, lost place over 4f out, well beaten final 3f,** 4th of 6, 9l behind Sunray Shadow (11-2) at Warwick 2m NH flat (5) gd in May 3m 59.40s.
ALL WELL AND GOOD Mukhadram gelding out of World Of Good.
AS GOOD AS CAN BE 6-1 (11-11, Mr P J O'Neill) **Twrds rr of mid-div, 9th from 5out, no ex from 2out,** 10th of 12, 25l behind Ma Jacks Hill (11-11) at Dromahane 3m ire ptp gd in Apr.
CONFINENTIC Clovis Du Berlais gelding out of Electrostatique.
EVERYBODYDANCENOW Passing Glance gelding out of Dd's Glenalla.
PATCH MAN 1-2fav (10-10, S Bowen) 6th of 7, 27l behind Stone's Throw (10-10) at Southwell 2m NH flat (5) sft in May 4m 18.75s.
STEEL SOLDIER 6-1 (11-11, B Dunleavy) **Alw twrds rr, 9th from 5th & drpd to last brfly well aftr 4out, mod 8th bef 2out, ko onepce,** 8th of 11, 32l behind Sober Glory (11-11) at Bartlemy 3m ire ptp in May 00.00s.
THEATRE OF FLIGHT Mukhadram gelding out of Tanfidh.
WARFLEET Dartmouth gelding out of Titch Strider.
NOELS DESTINY STAR Blue Bresil mare out of Who's Afraid.

3.55 SAVILLS HANDICAP HURDLE (4) Winner £4,066 (12 run) 2m

1 5/124- **HIDALGO DE L'ISLE** (245) D McCain 7 12-0 .... **B Hughes** 118
2 41236- **GALATA BRIDGE** (58) Dr R Newland & J Insole 7 11-13 (D²). ....**S Twiston-Davies** 117
3 5130/0 **CILLIANS CHARM** (14) (H) J Owen 7 11-12..**C P O'Shea** (7) 116
4 66543/ **BALLYWOOD** (1132) G Howell 10 11-11 (D²).......**T Worsley** (3) 115
5 1110/8 **ENKI FLACKE** (32) O Murphy 7 11-11 (D²)................**S Bowen** 115
6 2465-U **SEA PRINCE** (15) A Hales 8 11-8 (D) ....**K Woods** 112
7 32P-3U **FORGET THE WAY** (18) (T) J Owen 7 11-4 (BF,CD).....**H Cobden** 108
8 531-21 **CAWTHORNE BANKER** (24) (P) Jonjo & A O'Neill 6 11-3 (D) ....**Jonjo O'Neill Jr** 107
9 955P-6 **CLEAR THE RUNWAY** (36) (P) L Morgan 8 11-3 (CD)...**A Wedge** 107
10 3247-1 **FANDABIDOZI** (41) (P,T) G Hanmer 6 10-13 .... **Doubtful** 103
11 86P-34 **ADDOSH** (20) (T) S Edmunds 6 10-12 (D²) .... **C Hammond** 102
12 P2257- **IOLAOS DU MOU** (56) Mrs S Barclay 6 10-12 (D) .**D Noonan** 102

BETTING: 3 Cawthorne Banker, 5 Forget The Way, Hidalgo De L'isle, 8 Sea Prince, 10 Galata Bridge, 12 Addosh, 16 Clear The Runway, Iolaos Du Mou, 20 Others.
2023: HICONIC 6 11 2, Harry Bannister 4-1 (A Hales), 9 ran.

HIDALGO DE L'ISLE 9-2 (11-9, B S Hughes) 4th of 7, 6l behind Whizz Kid (11-6) at Wetherby 2m hcap hdle (3) gd in Oct 3m 47.70s.
GALATA BRIDGE 9-1 (11-10, Luke Scott) **Raced wide held up towards rear, hampered 3 out, late headway approaching last,** 6th of 15, 13l behind Yalla Habibi (11-7) at Kempton 2m hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gd in Apr 3m 45.79s.
CILLIANS CHARM 17-2 (10-13, C P O'Shea) **Soon behind, never a factor, tailed off,** 10th of 11, well behind Clearance (11-2) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-130 (3) gd 3m 56.55s.
BALLYWOOD 14-1 (12-1, Tom Cannon) 3rd of 7, 23l behind Captain Tom Cat (11-4) at Aintree 2m 4f hcp chs 0-135 (3) gd in May '21 4m 56.48s.
ENKI FLACKE 22-1 (11-11, Lewis Stones) **Held up in rear, struggling after 3 out, soon no impression,** 8th of 13, 21l behind Commanding View (11-1) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in May 3m 59.99s.
SEA PRINCE, did not finish, 12-1 (12-2, Kielan Woods) **Chased leader, awkward 3rd, mistake and unseated rider 6th,** in a race won by Legendary Day (11-11) at Southwell 2m hcp ch 0-110 (4) gd, 14 ran 4m 09.35s.
FORGET THE WAY, did not finish, 1-1fav (11-9, Mr Alex Chadwick) **Chased leaders, mistake and unseated rider 4th,** in a race won by Isholo Du Vivien (10-10) at Stratford 2m 1f nov hcp chs 0-115 (4) gd, 7 ran 4m 07.20s.
CAWTHORNE BANKER 7-4fav (11-12, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) won at Fontwell 2m 2f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd in May beating Happy Boy (11-9) by 1l, 8 ran 4m 26.98s.
CLEAR THE RUNWAY 20-1 (11-6, Adam Wedge) **In rear, mistake 5th, outpaced 4 out, ridden and kept on flat,** 6th of 9, 21l behind Grivetana (11-8) at Southwell 2m hcp hdl 0-120 (4) gd in May 4m 06.22s.
FANDABIDOZI 14-1 (12-0, Lily Pinchin) **Close up, chased leader 2 out, edged left and led bend into straight , driven out,** won at Stratford 2m 3f nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd in May beating Amalfi Bay (11-1) by 1l, 11 ran 4m 25.80s.
ADDOSH 9-2 (11-7, C Gethings) 4th of 6, 12l behind Get Sky High (12-0) at Warwick 2m mares hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gd in May 3m 49.36s.
IOLAOS DU MOU 15-2 (11-8, N de Boinville) **Tracked leaders, outpaced before 2 out, soon beaten,** 7th of 9, 31l behind Centara (11-11) at Taunton 2m 3f hcp hdl 0-110 (4) gd in Apr 4m 38.92s.

GOING: Good .
COURSE: Left-handed 1m 5f oval, flat with long straights and easy turns. There are nine fences per circuit and a run-in of 220 yards.
TOP TRAINERS: Fergal O'Brien 40-190 (21.1%), Neil Mulholland 28-182 (15.4%), Peter & Michael Bowen 21-98 (21.4%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Sam Twiston-Davies 43-235 (18.3%), Sean Bowen 32-143 (22.4%), Harry Cobden 22-92 (23.9%).

4.35 FBC MANBY BOWDLER NOVICES' HURDLE (GBB RACE) (4) Winner £4,193 (12 run) 2m

1 35 **BRISTOL HILL** (17) K Frost 6 11-2.........................**L Edwards** —
2 F2P6-8 **DARK SOLDIER** (6) Sheila Lewis 5 11-2........ **Sean Houlihan** —
3 **IBIZA ROCKS** O Greenall & J Guerriero 6 11-2......... **H Brooke** —
4 **MIDNIGHT SHIMMER** N Mulholland 6 11-2............ **J Bowen** —
5 9 **PENNANT LEGACY** (18) D Hamer 5 11-2............ **B R Jones** —
6 10/P-1 **SEEYOUINMYDREAMS** (43) (H,T) P Nicholls 6 11-2 (D)..... ....**H Cobden** —
7 136-4 **TOUCHWOODEXPRESS** (22) N Twiston-Davies 5 11-2...... ....**S Twiston-Davies** —
8 07- **WONDER KING** (218) Noel Williams 6 11-2......**James Davies** —
9 4 **DOUBLE OBAN** (18) O Murphy 4 10-11...................**S Bowen** —
10 83 **KINTARO** (11) D Pipe 4 10-11 ....**J Tudor** —
11 48 **SOLUTION** (8) (T) J & S Best 4 10-11 .... **T Cannon** —
12 **FRENELOPE** N Mulholland 6 10-9 ....**R McLernon** —

BETTING: 1-2 Seeyouinmydreams, 13-2 Kintaro, 10 Double Oban, 12 Frenelope, Bristol Hill, Touchwoodexpress, 25 Solution, 33 Midnight Shimmer, Ibiza Rocks, 66 Others.

BRISTOL HILL 12-1 (11-4, Lee Edwards) 5th of 12, 6l behind Pleasant Man (11-4) at Fakenham 2m mdn hdl (4) gd 4m 05.43s.
DARK SOLDIER 50-1 (11-4, Sean Houlihan) 8th of 10, well behind Vocito (11-4) at Worcester 2m mdn hdl (4) gd 4m 01.70s.
IBIZA ROCKS 15-2 (9-2, S M Levey) 7th of 13, 10l behind Marchetti (9-2) at Chepstow 7f hcp (6) sft in May (flat) 1m 29.97s.
MIDNIGHT SHIMMER 11-2 (9-0, L P Keniry) 6th of 9, 9l behind Bear Claws (9-4) at Wolverhampton 1m 6f hcp (0-55) (6) in Apr (flat) 3m 05.22s.
PENNANT LEGACY 33-1 (11-2, Lorcan Williams) 9th of 12, 31l behind Wiltshire Wonder (10-8) at Worcester 2m NH flat (5) gd 3m 59.87s.
SEEYOUINMYDREAMS 10-11fav (11-6, H Cobden) won at Fakenham 2m 4f mdn hdle (4) gd in May beating Little Talks (10-13) by 25l, 8 ran 5m 04.25s.
TOUCHWOODEXPRESS 12-1 (11-3, Sam Twiston-Davies) 4th of 7, 26l behind Valgrand (11-10) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 4f nh nov hdl (4) gd in May 4m 53.88s.
WONDER KING 150-1 (11-2, R T Dunne) 7th of 14, 14l behind Ask Her Out (10-6) at Lingfield 2m charity stakes (5) std in Nov 3m 39.60s.
DOUBLE OBAN 9-2 (10-11, S Bowen) 4th of 10, 28l behind Shengai Enki (11-9) at Worcester 2m nh nov hdl (4) gd 4m 00.54s.
KINTARO 66-1 (10-11, David Noonan) 3rd of 14, 16l behind Not Now Nathaniel (10-11) at Bangor-on-Dee 2m 1f nh nov hdl (4) gd 4m 08.56s.
SOLUTION 18-1 (10-12, H Cobden) **Towards rear, never a factor,** 8th of 14, well behind Catchim (11-4) at Southwell 2m 4f mdn hdl (4) gd 5m 03.69s.
FRENELOPE Soldier Of Fortune mare out of Ballycorrigan.

5.15 SAVILLS HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (11 run) 2m

1 59/24- **JOHNNY BOOM** (T*) S Lycett 6 12-0 (BF)................**K Woods** 95
2 853-61 **LUCKY LOVER BOY** (13) (P,T) O Greenall & J Guerriero 9 11-12 (D⁵) . **H Brooke** 93
3 /PP-05 **WELL VICKY** (24) (T*) A Ralph 7 11-7 (D) .... **D Bass** 88
4 F97/ **POUR ME A DRINK** J & S Best 8 11-5..............**N Scholfield** 86
5 4400-1 **MELTON MOSSY** (20) (T) E Williams 5 11-4 (D).......**A Wedge** 85
6 880- **ELOSO** J & S Best 6 11-3 .... **Doubtful** 84
7 230-50 **PITTSBURG** (12) (P,T) R Potter 8 11-2 (D)..................**S Bowen** 83
8 105P/9 **RAZZO ITALIANO** (21) (P,T) G Hanmer 7 11-1 (D)**R T Dunne** 82
9 695PP/ **INVICTUS DE BRION** (436) C Gordon 6 11-0 . **F Gordon** (5) 81
10 66536- **TEN TEN TWENTY** (T) D J Jeffreys 6 10-11 (CD) .. **T Bellamy** 78
11 U4F-34 **GORCOMBE MOONSHINE** (14) (P) R Walford 7 10-11... **H Kimber** 78

BETTING: 11-4 Melton Mossy, 10-3 Lucky Lover Boy, 6 Johnny Boom, 13-2 Gorcombe Moonshine, 10 Pour Me A Drink, 12 Pittsburg, 14 Ten Ten Twenty, 16 Others.

JOHNNY BOOM 5-2fav (11-5, D Tudhope) 4th of 11, 6l behind Quian (11-12) at Taunton 2m nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs in Dec 2m 02.57s.
LUCKY LOVER BOY 17-2 (10-13, Henry Brooke) won at Uttoxeter 2m hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd beating Chef De Troupe (11-1) by 1/2l, 9 ran 3m 48.62s.
WELL VICKY 14-1 (11-8, David Bass) 5th of 7, 20l behind Mr Hope Street (12-0) at Uttoxeter 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) sft in May 5m 15.80s.
POUR ME A DRINK 66-1 (10-12, J Quinn) 7th of 12, 43l behind Smurphy Enki (10-12) at Plumpton 2m nh nov hdl (4) gs in Dec '20 2m 32.96s.
MELTON MOSSY 10-3 (10-13, K Brogan) won at Ffos Las 2m nov ltd hcap hdl (5) gd in May beating Seren Y Teigr (10-11) by 1 3/4l, 10 ran 3m 41.87s.
ELOSO 200-1 (11-0, J Quinn) **In rear, always behind,** last of 10, 46l behind Gentle Slopes (11-0) at Kempton 2m nov hdl (3) gs in Jan 2m 35.19s.
PITTSBURG 15-2 (10-12, Dylan Johnston) 10th of 13, 22l behind Right Now (11-6) at Market Rasen 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 4m 18.65s.
RAZZO ITALIANO 16-1 (10-12, R T Dunne) **In touch, ridden 2 out, soon weakened,** 9th of 13, 42l behind Iolani (9-11) at Cartmel 2m 1f (5) sft in May 4m 22.25s.
INVICTUS DE BRION, did not finish, 6-1 (11-4, Bryony Frost) in a race won by Embolden (11-2) at Plumpton 2m 2f nov hcp hdl 0-100 (5) sft in Apr '23, 11 ran 4m 26.46s.
TEN TEN TWENTY 6-1 (10-3, David Probert) 6th of 15, 14l behind Cawthorne Cracker (9-13) at Exeter 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gf in Oct 2m 29.79s.
GORCOMBE MOONSHINE 9-1 (10-6, Harry Kimber) 4th of 11, 5l behind King's Castle (11-12) at Newton Abbot 2m 1f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd 4m 01.60s.

5.50 EVENTMASTERS.CO.UK HANDICAP HURDLE (5) Winner £3,248 (12 run) 2m 4f

1 P362-1 **HILLSIN** (21) A Jones 6 12-0......................................**J Turner** (7) **100**
2 /506-5 **DASHER** (32) N Twiston-Davies 6 11-13 ....**F Lambert** (3) 99
3 85687- **SOCIALIST AGENDA** (P) L Morgan 8 11-13...........**A Wedge** 99
4 /111-R **VOODOO DOLL** (32) (P) E Williams 11 11-10 (BF,CD)...**Miss E Williams** (7) 96
5 44314- **HEDERA PARK** (252) D Hamer 6 11-10 (BF,CD)....**H Cobden** 96
6 904-13 **JAXONNE** (28) Jonjo & A O'Neill 5 11-8............**Jonjo O'Neill Jr** 94
7 56PP/9 **HELIOS ALLEN** (18) P Taylor 7 11-8 ....**T Bellamy** 94
8 167-64 **NO WAY PEDRO** (15) Daisy Hitchins 10 11-5 (CD) ...**B Morgan** (5) 91
9 6736-4 **CARNET DE STAGE** (31) (T*) D J Jeffreys 9 11-4 (D) .**R McLernon** 90
10 1/74-U **INTO THE SUNSET** (17) D McCain 7 11-4 (D).........**T Gillard** 90
11 125-63 **ONLY FOOLS** (26) (H,T) D Pipe 5 11-2........................**J Tudor** 88
12 1457-4 **EMANATE** (34) (P) N Mulholland 6 10-13 (C²)**S Twiston-Davies** 85

BETTING: 7-2 Hillsin, 4 Socialist Agenda, 13-2 Jaxonne, 7 Dasher, 8 Only Fools, 10 Into The Sunset, Hedera Park, 12 Voodoo Doll, 14 Others.
2023: BEST MATE DAVE 6 10 9, Sam Twiston-Davies 10-1 (D J Jeffreys), 10 ran.

HILLSIN 9-2 (11-5, James Turner) won at Newton Abbot 2m 2f nov ltd hcap hdl (5) sft in May beating Our Dylan (11-7) by 1 1/2l, 9 ran 4m 49.23s.
DASHER 4-1 (11-8, James Turner) 5th of 10, 6l behind Clatterbridge (10-9) at Uttoxeter 2m 7f cond nov hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gs in May 5m 54.81s.
SOCIALIST AGENDA 5-1 (11-5, Rossa Ryan) 7th of 9, 35l behind Cuban Cigar (11-6) at Musselburgh 2m hcp hdl 0-115 (4) sft in Nov 3m 05.60s.
VOODOO DOLL, did not finish, 4-5fav (11-12, Miss Eleanor Williams) in a race won by Siberian Star (11-7) at The Welsh International 3m ptp gd in May, 4 ran 6m 10.00s.
HEDERA PARK 2-1fav (10-2, H Cobden) last of 4, well behind Police Academy (10-7) at Ludlow 2m 5f mares hcp hdl 0-125 (3) gd in Oct 5m 19.70s.
JAXONNE 2-1 (11-7, Jonjo O'Neill Jr.) 3rd of 6, 7l behind Eric Carmen (10-5) at Southwell 2m 4f nov ltd hcap hdl (5) sft in May 5m 46.09s.
HELIOS ALLEN 50-1 (11-9, Harry Bannister) **Always in rear,** 9th of 11, 44l behind Thankyourluckystar (11-11) at Worcester 2m 4f hcp hdl 0-105 (5) gd 5m 11.87s.
NO WAY PEDRO 11-1 (11-5, Beau Morgan) 4th of 12, 35l behind Malago Rose (11-5) at Southwell 3m hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs 6m 36.09s.
CARNET DE STAGE 28-1 (11-3, R P McLernon) 4th of 5, 48l behind Minella Rescue (11-3) at Stratford 2m 6f nh nov hdl (4) gd in May 5m 27.68s.
INTO THE SUNSET, did not finish, 8-1 (10-13, Abbie McCain) in a race won by Fine By Her (10-13) at Fakenham 2m 4f ldys hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gd, 9 ran 5m 05.86s.
ONLY FOOLS 9-2 (12-0, Jack Tudor) 3rd of 6, 10l behind Al Sayah (11-5) at Hereford 2m 4f (5) gd in May 4m 49.40s.
EMANATE 16-1 (11-0, Sam Twiston-Davies) 4th of 12, 10l behind Mermaids Cave (11-2) at Fontwell 2m 2f hcp hdl 0-100 (5) gs in May 4m 28.17s.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): D Pipe won the 5.50 in '21 and '22.
CHEEKPIECES: 2.05 Floating Rock, Let It Shine*, 2.40 Bob Bob Ricard, Chess Player, No No Maestro, Pozo Emery, 3.55 Cawthorne Banker, Clear The Runway, Fandabidozi, 5.15 Gorcombe Moonshine, Lucky Lover Boy, Pittsburg, Razzo Italiano, 5.50 Emanate, Socialist Agenda, Voodoo Doll.
TONGUE STRAPS: 2.05 Finalshot, Groom De Cotte, Lonimoss Bareliere, Tonto Foley, Tropical Talent, 2.40 Cape Vidal, Jony Max, Le Cameleon, No No Maestro, 3.55 Addosh, Fandabidozi, Forget The Way, 4.35 Seeyouinmydreams, Solution, 5.15 Johnny Boom*, Lucky Lover Boy, Melton Mossy, Pittsburg, Razzo Italiano, Ten Ten Twenty, Well Vicky*, 5.50 Carnet De Stage*, Only Fools. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: 3.55 Hidalgo De L'isle.
LONGEST TRAVELLER: Judge Earle (2.40) trained at Haverfordwest. Round trip of 352 miles.
FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 196 have won out of 592 races (33.1%). At corresponding meetings, 4 have won out of 18 races (22.2%).

TOP TEAM'S TIPS

MERIDIAN'S YANKEE
BIRDMAN (3.05 ROYAL ASCOT),
ROGUE MILLENNIUM (3.45 ROYAL ASCOT),
INSPIRAL (4.25 ROYAL ASCOT),
BESHTANI (5.05 ROYAL ASCOT).

KLONDYKE
ULTIMA GRACE (2.30 ROYAL ASCOT),
INSPIRAL (4.25 ROYAL ASCOT),
BESHTANI (5.05 ROYAL ASCOT).

ROCKAVON (of the Sunday Mail)
BIRDMAN (3.05 ROYAL ASCOT).

RUNNER INDEX

ROYAL ASCOT - ASC
HAMILTON - HAM
NOTTINGHAM - NTT
RIPON - RIP
WORCESTER - WOR

Horse	Course	Time
Abolish	**NTT**	**6.50**
Abu Royal (IRE)	NTT	7.20
Adaay With Michael	NTT	7.50
Addosh	WOR	3.55
Adelabella (IRE)	NTT	8.20
Adelaise (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Adrestia	ASC	2.30
Aerion Power (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Ain't Nobody (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Al Baahy	NTT	8.20
Al Waseela (IRE)	NTT	5.45
Alflaila	ASC	4.25
All Well And Good	WOR	3.15
Amayretto	HAM	4.50
Amestris	ASC	2.30
Andromedas Kingdom (IRE)	NTT	8.20
Angle Land	NTT	6.50
Anjician (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Arabian Cobra (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Artagnan (IRE)	ASC	6.15
As Good As Can Be (IRE)	WOR	3.15
Astronomica	NTT	8.20
Auguste Rodin (IRE)	ASC	4.25
Aurora Dawn (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Aviation Time (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Azahara Palace	ASC	5.40
Back See Daa	**ASC**	**5.40**
Bacor (IRE)	RIP	6.00
Baile Locha Riach (FR)	NTT	7.20
Ballsbridge (USA)	NTT	8.20
Ballywood (FR)	WOR	3.55
Bandello	NTT	6.20
Banner Road (IRE)	HAM	4.50
Barton Knoll	WOR	2.40
Batal Zabeel (IRE)	RIP	7.35
Bateman (IRE)	RIP	6.35
Beauld As Brass	NTT	6.50
Believe You Me (IRE)	NTT	8.20
Beshtani (FR)	ASC	5.05
Best Guess (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Betty Clover	ASC	2.30
Birdman (IRE)	ASC	3.05
Blaze A Trail (IRE)	WOR	2.05
Bless Him (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Bletchley Storm	NTT	7.20
Blue For You (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Blue Rose Cen (IRE)	ASC	4.25
Bob Bob Ricard (IRE)	WOR	2.40
Bohemian Breeze (IRE)	HAM	3.30
Bonaventure	NTT	6.20
Breege	ASC	3.45
Bretton Wood	ASC	6.15
Bristol Hill (IRE)	WOR	4.35
Brosay	ASC	6.15
Calyxoh (IRE)	**ASC**	**6.15**
Canaria Prince	RIP	8.35
Canon's House	RIP	6.35
Canoodled (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Cape Vidal	WOR	2.40
Capellina	HAM	4.50
Captain Corcoran (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Carey Street (IRE)	NTT	7.20
Cariad	NTT	8.20
Carnet De Stage (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Cash In	RIP	7.35
Cawthorne Banker (IRE)	WOR	3.55
Ceilidh	NTT	8.20
Cell Sa Beela	ASC	5.40
Celtic Chieftain (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Charmster (IRE)	RIP	6.00
Chess Player (IRE)	WOR	2.40
Cheval De Guerre (USA)	ASC	6.15
Chiedozie	NTT	6.20
Ciara Pearl	ASC	5.40
Cillians Charm (IRE)	WOR	3.55
Clear The Runway (IRE)	WOR	3.55
Coeur d'Or (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Coeur Jaune (IRE)	RIP	6.00
Confinentic (FR)	WOR	3.15
Countess Ciara	NTT	5.45
Crack Shot (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Cristalino (IRE)	NTT	5.45
Crystal Guard (IRE)	HAM	1.45
Dancingwithmyself (IRE)	**RIP**	**8.05**
Dandy Dinmont (IRE)	NTT	6.50
Dandy's Angel (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Daring Leader (IRE)	NTT	7.50
Dark Dreamer	NTT	6.20
Dark Soldier (IRE)	WOR	4.35
Dasher (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Daysofourlives (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Defan	WOR	2.40
Do I Dream (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Doha	ASC	5.40
Doodlebug	RIP	6.35
Doom	ASC	3.45
Double Oban	WOR	4.35
Dougies Dream (IRE)	NTT	8.20
Douglas Dc (IRE)	NTT	8.50
Duke Of Luckley (IRE)	WOR	2.40
Dunnington Lad (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Dutch Decoy	ASC	5.05
Eldrickjones (IRE)	**ASC**	**5.05**
Elim (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Eloso (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Elysian Knight	WOR	3.15
Emanate	WOR	5.50
Emerald City	NTT	7.50
Enchanting Empress	ASC	2.30
End Of Story (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Englemere (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Enki Flacke (FR)	WOR	3.55
Epona Pas (IRE)	HAM	1.45
Everybodydancenow	WOR	3.15
Fakhama (IRE)	**ASC**	**5.40**
Fandabidozi (IRE)	WOR	3.55
Fantastic Fox	ASC	5.05
Fanzone (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Farhh To Shy	ASC	5.40
Faustus	NTT	6.50
Fillyfudge	NTT	7.20
Finalshot	WOR	2.05
Finn Ironside	HAM	4.10
Flash The Cash (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Flicka's Girl	ASC	2.30
Floating Rock (GER)	WOR	2.05
Flowstate (IRE)	RIP	6.35
Flying Scotsman (IRE)	HAM	3.30
Footonthegas (USA)	RIP	6.35
Force Of Honour	HAM	2.50
Foreseeable Future (FR)	RIP	8.35
Forget The Way	WOR	3.55
Fortnum	NTT	7.50
Four Adaay	NTT	6.50
Fox Spirit (IRE)	RIP	6.35
Frenelope (IRE)	WOR	4.35
Fuji Mountain (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Gabaldon (USA)	**ASC**	**6.15**
Galata Bridge	WOR	3.55
Gambie Tiep (FR)	WOR	2.05
Game Breaker (IRE)	RIP	7.35
Genesius (IRE)	RIP	7.05
Georgecandoit	HAM	2.15
Glendown (IRE)	NTT	6.50
Glorious Kitty (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Gobsmacked	HAM	2.15
Gold Black (FR)	HAM	2.50
Golden Gal (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Golden Prosperity (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Gorcombe Moonshine	WOR	5.15
Grain Of Hope	NTT	8.50
Gregarina (FR)	ASC	3.45
Groom De Cotte (FR)	WOR	2.05
Grosvenor Square (IRE)	ASC	3.05
Hackney Diamonds	**NTT**	**5.45**
Hans Andersen	ASC	4.25
Hardy Boy (FR)	WOR	2.40
Hawaiian	ASC	6.15
Hedera Park (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Helios Allen (FR)	WOR	5.50
Herecomesthebear (IRE)	HAM	2.50
Hidalgo De L'isle (FR)	WOR	3.55
Highbury (FR)	ASC	3.05
Highland Frolic (FR)	NTT	8.50
Hillsin (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Holloway Boy	ASC	5.05
Holokea (IRE)	WOR	3.15
Hondo (IRE)	HAM	3.30
Honorary American (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Hopeful	ASC	5.40
Horizon Dore (FR)	ASC	4.25
Hot Team (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Ibiza Rocks	**WOR**	**4.35**
Ice Pop (IRE)	RIP	6.35
Ice Shadow (IRE)	NTT	8.20
Idle Assembly (IRE)	RIP	6.35
Illinois (IRE)	ASC	3.05
Imperial Fighter (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Imperial Sovereign (IRE)	ASC	3.05
Inspiral	ASC	4.25
Into The Sunset (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Invictus De Brion (FR)	WOR	5.15
Iolaos Du Mou (FR)	WOR	3.55
Jackhammer (IRE)	**HAM**	**3.30**
Jaminoz (IRE)	HAM	3.30
Jaxonne (FR)	WOR	5.50
Jazz Scene	HAM	4.10
Jm Jhingree (IRE)	ASC	6.15
John L Sullivan (IRE)	HAM	4.10
Johnny Boom (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Jony Max (IRE)	WOR	2.40
Joshuas Dream	HAM	2.15
Judge Earle (IRE)	WOR	2.40
Julia Augusta	ASC	3.45
Jungle Drums (IRE)	HAM	2.15
Kapparis Kid	**NTT**	**6.20**
Kardia	RIP	7.05
Karl Carlston (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Karsavina	ASC	5.40
Kassaya	ASC	2.30
Keldeo	RIP	7.35
King's Code	ASC	5.05
Kingdom Come (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Kintaro	WOR	4.35
Kiss Me My Love (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Kittykarma (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Knight Of Magic (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Koulikoro (IRE)	NTT	5.45
Kuwaitya (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Lady Of Time	**NTT**	**7.50**
Lady Roxby	RIP	6.00
Laser Focus (IRE)	NTT	7.20
Laudable	HAM	1.45
Laurel	ASC	3.45
Lavender Hill Mob	ASC	3.05
Le Cameleon	WOR	2.40
Leovanni (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Let It Shine	WOR	2.05
Let's Get Em	NTT	6.20
Lillistar	NTT	7.20
Lincoln Royal (IRE)	NTT	7.50
Little Muddy	NTT	6.50
Longuerue (FR)	NTT	8.50
Lonimoss Bareliere (FR)	WOR	2.05
Lord North (IRE)	ASC	4.25
Love Yours (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Lucius Aurelius	HAM	2.50
Lucky Lover Boy (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Magical Sunset (IRE)	**ASC**	**3.45**
Make Haste	ASC	2.30
Mammas Girl	ASC	5.40
Maris Angel	RIP	6.35
Maw Lam (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Mc'ted	NTT	7.20
Melton Mossy (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Metal Merchant (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Meydaan (IRE)	ASC	3.05
Midnight Shimmer	WOR	4.35
Mighty Eriu (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Mina Rashid	ASC	3.05
Mirsky	ASC	5.05
Miss Brazen	NTT	6.50
Miss Cast (IRE)	RIP	6.00
Miss Lamai (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Miss Rascal	ASC	2.30
Misty Time	NTT	7.50
Moonspirit	ASC	5.40
Mother Mary (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Moush	HAM	1.45
Moves Like Monty (IRE)	WOR	2.05
Moyola	RIP	7.35
Mr Hampstead (USA)	ASC	3.05
Mrs Meader	NTT	8.50
Mysteryofthesands	HAM	4.10
Mystic Pearl (FR)	ASC	5.40
Nad Alshiba Rain (IRE)	**NTT**	**5.45**
National Question (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Naturalia	HAM	4.50
Ney (IRE)	NTT	8.50
Nibras Angel	ASC	3.45
No No Maestro (IRE)	WOR	2.40
No Way Pedro (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Noels Destiny Star	WOR	3.15
Novus (IRE)	ASC	3.45
Ocean Jewel (IRE)	**ASC**	**3.45**
Oligopoly	RIP	6.35
Only Fools (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Orchid Bloom	ASC	3.45
Organic (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Oxford Rock (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Paco's Pride	**HAM**	**5.25**
Padishakh (FR)	ASC	5.05
Pammi	HAM	1.45
Pannonica (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Pappano	ASC	3.05
Party Bear (IRE)	RIP	6.00
Patch Man (IRE)	WOR	3.15
Patronage	NTT	7.50
Penelope's Sister (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Pennant Legacy	WOR	4.35
Perotto	ASC	5.05
Persian Blue (USA)	NTT	6.20
Persian Phoenix (IRE)	HAM	4.50
Pittsburg (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Pont Neuf (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Pop Noodle	NTT	7.50
Pour Me A Drink	WOR	5.15
Pozo Emery (FR)	WOR	2.40
Pretty Thing (IRE)	HAM	2.50
Princess Niyla	NTT	7.20
Propagation (IRE)	HAM	5.25
Prospect	RIP	8.35
Protest Rally (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Purple Gown (IRE)	HAM	3.30
Raadobarg (IRE)	**ASC**	**5.05**
Rajindri (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Razzo Italiano (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Real Gain (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Reams Of Love	HAM	1.45
Rebel Empire (FR)	RIP	6.35
Regheeb (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Renewal	NTT	5.45
Reposado	ASC	6.15
Ribkana (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Roarin' Success	ASC	5.40
Rock N Roll Pinkie	NTT	8.50
Rock N Roll Rocket (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Rocket Man (GER)	WOR	3.15
Rogers Dream	RIP	6.35
Rogue Millennium (IRE)	ASC	3.45
Roman Tempest (FR)	NTT	8.50
Ropey Guest	ASC	5.05
Rose Branch	HAM	4.50
Rosenzoo (IRE)	HAM	4.10
Rowayeh (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Royal Dress (IRE)	ASC	3.45
Royal Rhyme (IRE)	ASC	4.25
Ruby's Profit (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Rudi's Apple (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Running Lion	ASC	3.45
Russian Rumour (IRE)	NTT	8.50
Sam's Hope	**NTT**	**8.20**
Sands Of Havana	ASC	2.30
Sassy Soprano (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Sea Girt	HAM	5.25
Sea Master	NTT	8.50
Sea Prince	WOR	3.55
Sea The Lady (FR)	ASC	3.45
Sean (GER)	ASC	5.05
See The Green	ASC	3.05
Seeyouinmydreams	WOR	4.35
Sensorium (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Seraphim Angel	ASC	2.30
Serendipitous Lady (IRE)	NTT	7.50
Sex On Fire (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Shadow Army	ASC	6.15
Shazani (FR)	HAM	2.50
She Went Whoosh (IRE)	RIP	6.00
She's A Dark Horse	NTT	5.45
Showy	NTT	7.20
Silent Film	ASC	5.05
Sir Yoshi (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Sisterandbrother	NTT	7.20
Skyelight	NTT	5.45
Snobbish (IRE)	ASC	4.25
Socialist Agenda	WOR	5.50
Solid Fuel	WOR	2.05
Solution	WOR	4.35
Sonning (IRE)	NTT	7.20
Sonny Liston (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Spanish Hustle	HAM	3.30
Spherical	ASC	2.30
Standbackandlook	NTT	7.50
Standput (IRE)	NTT	5.45
Steel Soldier (IRE)	WOR	3.15
Strawman (IRE)	RIP	7.05
Streets Of Gold (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Strong Johnson (IRE)	NTT	6.50
Summer Of Love (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Takes Time	**HAM**	**4.50**
Talis Evolvere (IRE)	ASC	5.05
Tasever	NTT	8.20
Tempus	ASC	5.05
Ten Commitments	NTT	6.20
Ten Ten Twenty (IRE)	WOR	5.15
The Bobster (IRE)	RIP	6.35
The Equator (IRE)	ASC	3.05
The Gatekeeper (IRE)	ASC	5.05
The Good Biscuit	RIP	7.35
The Magic Turtle	NTT	5.45
The Navigator	HAM	1.45
The Pug (IRE)	NTT	7.20
Theatre Of Flight	WOR	3.15
Thunder Ball	ASC	5.05
Ticktyboo	RIP	7.35
Tigerten	NTT	8.50
Tilsitt (FR)	HAM	3.30
Tippy Top	HAM	2.15
Tonto Foley (IRE)	WOR	2.05
Touchwoodexpress (IRE)	WOR	4.35
Trailblazer	HAM	1.45
Treasure Isle (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Triple Charged (IRE)	HAM	2.50
Tropical Talent	WOR	2.05
Truly Enchanting (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Twirling (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Twoforthegutter (IRE)	HAM	1.45
Ultima Grace (USA)	**ASC**	**2.30**
Vetiver	**ASC**	**5.40**
Victoria Falls (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Villanova Queen (IRE)	ASC	5.40
Vingegaard (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Volcanology (IRE)	RIP	8.05
Voodoo Doll (IRE)	WOR	5.50
Want Want (IRE)	**NTT**	**6.20**
Warfleet	WOR	3.15
Water Music	NTT	5.45
Weissmuller (IRE)	ASC	6.15
Well Vicky (IRE)	WOR	5.15
Where's Clare (IRE)	ASC	2.30
Who Wants Me (IRE)	HAM	2.50
Wild Tiger	ASC	5.05
Willow Baby (IRE)	RIP	8.35
Wonder King (FR)	WOR	4.35
Xanthe (IRE)	**ASC**	**2.30**
You Say Nothing (IRE)	**WOR**	**2.40**
Young Merlin (IRE)	NTT	8.50
Yurinov	RIP	7.05
Zabeel Road (IRE)	**ASC**	**6.15**
Zarakem (FR)	ASC	4.25
Ziggy's Queen (IRE)	RIP	7.35
Zumaaty (IRE)	HAM	5.25

HAMILTON RACING TV.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
1.45	TWOFORTHEGUTTER	THE NAVIGATOR
2.15	GEORGECANDOIT	GEORGECANDOIT
2.50	TRIPLE CHARGED	GOLD BLACK
3.30	JAMINOZ	JAMINOZ
4.10	JOHN L SULLIVAN	JOHN L SULLIVAN
4.50	NATURALIA	AMAYRETTO
5.25	HOT TEAM	HOT TEAM

GOING: Good.
COURSE: Right-handed, loop course with 5f run-in part of straight. Undulating, with testing finishing climb.
DRAW: Low numbers best.
TOP TRAINERS: Jim Goldie 40-367 (10.9%), Richard Fahey 35-192 (18.2%), Iain Jardine 32-274 (11.7%), Kevin Ryan 28-134 (20.9%), Tim Easterby 24-206 (11.7%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Paul Mulrennan 36-218 (16.5%), Andrew Mullen 31-229 (13.5%), Connor Beasley 13-88 (14.8%), Tom Eaves 11-111 (9.9%), Oisin Orr 10-61 (16.4%).

1.45 ASPIRE CLEANING & FACILITIES APPRENTICE HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (9 run) 1m 5f 16yds

1 (1) 442431 **TWOFORTHEGUTTER** (13) (B) C Kellett 4 9-10 (C) .... **Mark Winn** 56
2 (4) 13/888 **REAMS OF LOVE** (83) D J Jeffreys 6 9-8 .... **F Daly** (7) 54
3 (3) 896-64 **THE NAVIGATOR** (13) D Sayer 9 9-7 .... **Archie Young** (5) 53
4 (8) 5-0607 **MOUSH** (23) L Bailey 4 9-7 .... **K S McHugh** (7) 53
5 (2) 48-930 **EPONA PAS** (7) J Goldie 4 9-6 .... **Amie Waugh** (3) 52
6 (9) 46-724 **LAUDABLE** (21) (P) T Davidson 4 9-6 **Millie Wonnacott** (3) 52
7 (5) 34266- **TRAILBLAZER** (P) A Nicol 5 9-3 .... **W Pyle** (3) 49
8 (6) 274031 **CRYSTAL GUARD** (16) (P) I Jardine 6 9-1 (D) .**M Tabti** (3) 47
9 (7) 99899- **PAMMI** (V') J Goldie 9 9-0 (C) .... **Kaiya Fraser** (3) 38
BETTING: 9-4 Crystal Guard, 5-2 Twoforthegutter, 5 Trailblazer, 13-2 The Navigator, 8 Laudable, 12 Epona Pas, 20 Pammi, 33 Moush, Reams Of Love.
2023: No corresponding race.

2.15 WELLMAN CARS PRIVATE HIRE HAMILTON EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £4,806 (5 run) 5f 7yds

1 (1) 222 **GEORGECANDOIT** (19) J O'Keeffe 9-7 .... **J Garritty** —
2 (4) 36 **GOBSMACKED** (22) K Ryan 9-7 .... **T Eaves** —
3 (2) **JUNGLE DRUMS** K R Burke 9-7 .... **Oisin Orr** —
4 (3) 55 **JOSHUAS DREAM** (19) J Goldie 9-5 ....**P Mulrennan** —
5 (5) **TIPPY TOP** I Jardine 9-2 .... **A Mullen** —
BETTING: 10-11 Georgecandoit, 6-4 Jungle Drums, 12 Gobsmacked, 14 Tippy Top, 20 Joshuas Dream.
2023: SCOOPS AHOY 9 7, Jason Watson 4-11 Fav (D O'Meara), drawn (3), 5 ran.
GEORGECANDOIT 7-4 (9-7, J Garritty) **Quickly away, led, came centre in home straight, ridden over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, stayed on same pace, no chance with winner,** 2nd of 6, 1 3/4l behind Ain't Nobody (9-7) at Carlisle 5f 2yo nov stk (3) gs in May 1m 01.33s.
GOBSMACKED 18-1 (9-7, T Eaves) **Prominent, pushed along 2f out, ridden and weakened final furlong,** 6th of 7, 11l behind Blinky (9-7) at Leicester 5f 2yo nov stk (4) gs in May 1m 01.64s.
JUNGLE DRUMS Bungle Inthejungle colt out of Ayr Missile.
JOSHUAS DREAM 40-1 (9-5, P Mulrennan) **Outpaced in last pair, some late minor headway, never on terms,** 5th of 6, 8l behind Ain't Nobody (9-7) at Carlisle 5f 2yo nov stk (3) gs in May 1m 01.33s.
TIPPY TOP Ardad filly out of Amicable Terms.

2.50 HAMILTON PARK EBF MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (4) (2-Y-O) Winner £5,400 (8 run) 6f 6yds

1 (5) 7 **HERECOMESTHEBEAR** (42) H Palmer 9-7 ....**P Mulrennan** —
2 (7) 3 **LUCIUS AURELIUS** (21) K Ryan 9-7 ....**T Eaves** —
3 (4) 04 **SHAZANI** (14) C Johnston 9-7 ....**C Beasley** —
4 (2) 43 **TRIPLE CHARGED** (16) K R Burke 9-7 .... **D Costello** —
5 (6) **FORCE OF HONOUR** Craig Lidster 9-4 ....**W Pyle** (5) —
6 (3) **GOLD BLACK** R Fahey 9-4 .... **Oisin Orr** —
7 (1) 4 **PRETTY THING** (20) D Loughnane 9-2 ..... **Laura Pearson** —
8 (8) **WHO WANTS ME** I Jardine 8-13 .... **A Mullen** —
BETTING: 4 Triple Charged, 9-2 Gold Black, 5 Pretty Thing, 6 Herecomesthebear, Lucius Aurelius, 13-2 Shazani, 8 Who Wants Me, 10 Force Of Honour.
2023: CERULEAN BAY 9 4, R Sexton(3) 7-1 (D O'Meara), drawn (1), 9 ran.
HERECOMESTHEBEAR 20-1 (9-4, Jason Hart) **Dwelt start, towards rear, pushed along under 2f out, soon weakened,** 7th of 9, 6l behind Seraphim Angel (8-13) at Chester 5f 2yo stks (2) gd in May 1m 02.26s.
LUCIUS AURELIUS 8-1 (9-7, S H James) **Held up behind leaders, ridden and outpaced approaching final furlong,** 3rd of 5, 6l behind Milford (9-7) at Hamilton 5f 2yo mdn (4) sft in May 1m 02.89s.
SHAZANI 150-1 (9-4, A Mullen) **Prominent, ridden over 2f out, stayed on same pace from over 1f out,** 4th of 10, 6l behind Loom (9-4) at Ripon 5f 2yo nov stks (5) gd 59.05s.
TRIPLE CHARGED 13-2 (9-7, C Lee) **Led briefly, chased winner, well held over 1f out, weakened and lost 2nd final 100 yards,** 3rd of 4, 3l behind Electrolyte (9-7) at Ayr 6f 2yo mdn (5) gd 1m 14.04s.
FORCE OF HONOUR Land Force colt out of Matron Of Honour.
GOLD BLACK Golden Horde colt out of La Bouille.
PRETTY THING 11-2 (9-2, David Egan) **Led after 1f, pushed along 2f out, ridden and headed inside final furlong, soon weakened,** 4th of 5, 5l behind Royalty Bay (9-2) at Ripon 6f 2yo fll nov stks (5) sft in May 1m 16.80s.
WHO WANTS ME Starspangledbanner filly out of Parakopi.

3.30 SCOTTISH RACING SUPPORTING RACINGWITHPRIDE HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,926 (8 run) 1m 3f 15yds

1 (1) 034750 **BOHEMIAN BREEZE** (17) (P') C Johnston 4 9-9 .. **A Mullen** 70
2 (3) /14-44 **JACKHAMMER** (13) D Sayer 10 9-8 (C) .... **D Costello** 69
3 (5) 54698- **TILSITT** (174) (T) R M Smith 7 9-4 .... **W Pyle** (5) 65
4 (7) -84455 **SPANISH HUSTLE** (21) J Goldie 6 9-4 (CD') **K Fraser** (5) 65
5 (6) 64265- **HONDO** (269) L Russell 4 9-3 .... **Oisin Orr** 64
6 (2) 96525- **PURPLE GOWN** (P') A Nicol 5 9-2 (BF) .... **B Robinson** 63
7 (8) 00-754 **FLYING SCOTSMAN** (49) (V) B Haslam 7 9-1 ..**P Mulrennan** 62
8 (4) 4-3464 **JAMINOZ** (7) (B) L Russell 5 9-0 (C') .... **Archie Young** (7) 61
BETTING: 7-2 Jackhammer, 4 Purple Gown, 5 Spanish Hustle, Jaminoz, 6 Bohemian Breeze, 8 Hondo, 10 Flying Scotsman, 14 Tilsitt.
2023: SPANISH HUSTLE 5 8 10, Ben Curtis 10-1 (J Goldie), drawn (3), 6 ran.
BOHEMIAN BREEZE 16-1 (9-6, Jason Hart) **Chased leaders, held up in touch in mid-division, headway over 3f out, not clear run over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 12th of 14, 11l behind Letsbefrank (8-3) at Hamilton 1m 3f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 2m 21.86s.
JACKHAMMER 8-1 (9-5, D C Costello) **Keen tracked leaders, ridden and every chance over 1f out, no extra towards finish,** 4th of 7, 2l behind Hey Lyla (9-7) at Hamilton 1m 1f hcp 0-75 (5) gd 1m 56.72s.
TILSITT 25-1 (9-2, Andrew Breslin) **Towards rear, ridden and weakened over 1f out,** last of 8, 22l behind Blue Yonder (9-3) at Newcastle 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) in Dec 2m 17.69s.
SPANISH HUSTLE 7-1 (9-0, C Lee) 5th of 7, 3l behind Two Auld Pals (9-7) at Hamilton 1m 5f hcp 0-75 (5) sft in May 2m 59.91s.
HONDO 17-2 (9-8, B A Curtis) 5th of 7, 8l behind Lunacy (9-1) at Hamilton 1m 3f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gs in Sep 2m 27.07s.
PURPLE GOWN 7-2fav (9-10, William Maggs) **Midfield, chased leaders from 3f out, dropped to fifth final 50 yards,** 5th of 12, 6l behind Sagauteur (10-0) at Newcastle 1m 4f hcp 0-70 (5) in Dec 4m 29.10s.
FLYING SCOTSMAN 25-1 (9-1, P Mulrennan) 4th of 9, 10l behind Giselles Defence (9-1) at Pontefract 1m 2f hcap (5) sft in May 2m 18.58s.
JAMINOZ 15-2 (9-10, Archie Young) 4th of 13, 5l behind Shahnaz (9-11) at Hamilton 1m hcp 0-60 (6) gf 1m 47.23s.

4.10 'HAMILTONS LARGEST PRIVATE HIRE TAXI COMPANY' HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,926 (5 run) 1m 68yds

1 (2) 63-861 **ROSENZOO** (6) C Johnston 10-0(6ex) (D) .... **A Mullen** 67
2 (1) -35432 **MYSTERYOFTHESANDS** (11) T Easterby 9-10. **S B Kirrane** 69
3 (4) 9-8521 **JOHN L SULLIVAN** (8) (T) L Russell 9-6(6ex) (D)... **O Orr** 59
4 (3) 59926- **FINN IRONSIDE** (173) Craig Lidster 9-4 .... **T Eaves** 63
5 (5) 767 **JAZZ SCENE** (37) Sir M Prescott 9-3 .... **P Mulrennan** 62
BETTING: 9-4 Rosenzoo, 5-2 John L Sullivan, 3 Mysteryofthesands, 5 Jazz Scene, 10 Finn Ironside.
2023: HALE END 9 9, Phil Dennis 9-4 JtFav (M Dods), drawn (2), 7 ran.

4.50 CLEANSTAY AT HAMPTON BY HILTON BOTHWELL CASTLE FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) Winner £3,926 (7 run) 1m 68yds

1 (1) 67210- **BANNER ROAD** (213) L Russell 5 10-0 (D') ... **A Young** (7) 62
2 (5) 79293 **TAKES TIME** (26) D Loughnane 3 9-7 .... **Laura Pearson** 65
3 (3) -74324 **PERSIAN PHOENIX** (17) C Johnston 3 9-6 ...... **Oisin Orr** 64
4 (2) 845-31 **NATURALIA** (20) D Whillans 3 9-6 .... **A Mullen** 64
5 (6) 3568- **ROSE BRANCH** (180) H Palmer 3 9-6 .... **P Mulrennan** 64
6 (4) 45-6 **CAPELLINA** (60) (P') M Dods 3 9-5 .... **C Beasley** 63
7 (7) 72134- **AMAYRETTO** (233) T Easterby 3 9-4 (BF.D) .... **S B Kirrane** 62
BETTING: 9-4 Naturalia, 3 Persian Phoenix, 6 Amayretto, 7 Banner Road, Capellina, 15-2 Rose Branch, 12 Takes Time.
2023: POWDERING 3 9 3, Shane Gray 12-1 (K Ryan), drawn (1), 6 ran.

5.25 RACINGTV.COM HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (11 run) 1m 1f 35yds

1 (7) 4-2590 **ZUMAATY** (33) J Goldie 6 9-10 (D) .... **Kaiya Fraser** (5) 53
2 (4) 352413 **HOT TEAM** (13) (B) P Morris 8 9-9 (CD') ......**Rhys Elliott** (7) 52
3 (11) 7-9735 **PACO'S PRIDE** (16) D Bourke 4 9-7 .... **Mark Winn** (3) 50
4 (2) 90/086 **ANJICIAN** (51) (T) Paul Traynor (IRE) 7 9-7 .... **Oisin Orr** 50
5 (8) 343-86 **PROPAGATION** (16) (P) D Sayer 6 9-5 .... **D Costello** 48
6 (5) 58-274 **SEA GIRT** (21) (T) I Jardine 4 9-5 .... **A Mullen** 48
7 (10) 77-020 **NATIONAL QUESTION** (7) (B) A Nicol 4 9-4 ..**B Robinson** 47
8 (3) 600/5 **PENELOPE'S SISTER** (48) J Goldie 4 9-4 .... **P Mulrennan** 47
9 (1) 326532 **FANZONE** (14) (B) L Bailey 7 9-3 (BF) .... **Doubtful** 46
10 (9) -78698 **BEST GUESS** (19) (B) F Murtagh 4 9-3 .... **W Pyle** (5) 45
11 (6) 788756 **KNIGHT OF MAGIC** (21) (H) C Grant 5 9-3 .....**C Beasley** 41
BETTING: 4 Sea Girt, 9-2 Hot Team, 7 Propagation, 10 Paco's Pride, Penelope's Sister, 12 Zumaaty, Knight Of Magic, 16 Others.
2023: No corresponding race.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): R Fahey won the 2.50 in '18 and '19. J Goldie won the 3.30 in '15, '19, '22 and '23.
1ST TIME BLINKERS: None.
CHEEKPIECES: 1.45 Crystal Guard, Laudable, Trailblazer, 3.30 Bohemian Breeze*, Purple Gown*, 4.50 Capellina*, 5.25 Propagation.
TONGUE STRAPS: 3.30 Tilsitt, 4.10 John L Sullivan, 5.25 Anjician, Sea Girt. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None.
1ST TIME HOODS: None.
LONGEST TRAVELLER: Anjician (5.25) Ireland; Jazz Scene (4.10) trained at Newmarket. Round trip of 720 miles.
FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 232 have won out of 630 races (36.8%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 11 have won out of 44 races (25.0%).

RIPON SKY SPORTS RACING.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
6.00	COEUR JAUNE	COEUR JAUNE
6.35	OLIGOPOLY	IDLE ASSEMBLY
7.05	YURINOV	KARDIA
7.35	CASH IN	THE GOOD BISCUIT
8.05	ORGANIC	ORGANIC
8.35	CANARIA PRINCE	CANARIA PRINCE

GOING: Soft.
COURSE: Right-handed oval track, 1m 5f in extent, which joins the straight course more than 5f from the finish.
DRAW: No advantage.
TOP TRAINERS: Tim Easterby 78-569 (13.7%), Richard Fahey 31-208 (14.9%), David O'Meara 28-234 (12.0%), Paul Midgley 17-106 (16.0%), Nigel Tinkler 16-122 (13.1%).
TOP JOCKEYS: David Allan 53-286 (18.5%), David Nolan 12-83 (14.5%), Callum Rodriguez 11-63 (17.5%), Joanna Mason 11-54 (20.4%), Billy Garritty 9-45 (20.0%), Franny Norton 8-68 (11.8%).

6.00 QUEEN ETHELBURGA'S COLLEGIATE MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £4,711 (7 run) 5f

1 (7) 53 **BACOR** (32) G Boughey 9-2 .... **Grace McEntee** (3) —
2 (2) **CHARMSTER** Miss A Murphy 9-2 .... **S Gray** —
3 (3) 3 **COEUR JAUNE** (14) D O'Meara 9-2 .... **D Nolan** —
4 (5) **LADY ROXBY** B Smart 9-2 .... **A Breslin** (3) —
5 (1) **MISS CAST** T Easterby 9-2 .... **D Allan** —
6 (6) 7 **PARTY BEAR** (20) K R Burke 9-2 .... **J Gilligan** —
7 (4) **SHE WENT WHOOSH** R Hannon 9-2 .... **C Rodriguez** —
BETTING: 2 Coeur Jaune, 3 She Went Whoosh, 9-2 Bacor, 7 Charmster, 10 Miss Cast, Party Bear, 12 Lady Roxby.
2023: INDISPENSABLE 9 2, Dane O'Neill 8-11 Fav (W Haggas), drawn (6), 10 ran.

6.35 DOWNLOAD THE RACEDAY READY APP MAIDEN STAKES (GBB RACE) (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,711 (13 run) 6f

1 (10) 6-5 **BATEMAN** (53) G Tutty 9-7 .... **S Gray** —
2 (4) **CANON'S HOUSE** M & D Easterby 9-7 ... **Joanna Mason** —
3 (7) 00 **DOODLEBUG** (23) N Tinkler 9-7 .... **A Jary** (5) —
4 (5) **FLOWSTATE** D O'Meara 9-7 .... **D Nolan** —
5 (3) 97- **FOOTONTHEGAS** (265) M Hammond 9-7 **A Brookes** (5) —
6 (2) 7 **FOX SPIRIT** (8) T Easterby 9-7 ....**JP Sullivan** —
7 (12) 239- **OLIGOPOLY** (333) (T) T Easterby 9-7 .... **D Allan** 80
8 (11) 5543 **REBEL EMPIRE** (16) R Hannon 9-7 .... **C Hardie** 69
9 (1) 40- **THE BOBSTER** (243) R Fahey 9-7 .... **Ethan Tindall** (7) —
10 (9) **ICE POP** C Johnston 9-2 .... **F Norton** —
11 (8) 54- **IDLE ASSEMBLY** (355) B Meehan 9-2 .... **C Rodriguez** —
12 (6) 55 **MARIS ANGEL** (76) (H') B Haslam 9-2 .... **A Breslin** (3) —
13 (13) 0 **ROGERS DREAM** (23) S Corbett 9-2 .... **C Murtagh** —
BETTING: 11-4 Oligopoly, 9-2 Rebel Empire, 5 Ice Pop, 7 Idle Assembly, 8 Flowstate, 10 The Bobster, Bateman, 12 Fox Spirit, Maris Angel, 20 Others.
2023: BONDI BAY 9 2, Callum Shepherd 10-11 Fav (R Guest), drawn (2), 6 ran.
BATEMAN 11-1 (9-5, Rob Hornby) 5th of 6, 5l behind Grandlad (9-5) at Wolverhampton 5f nov stk (5) in Apr 1m 00.52s.
CANON'S HOUSE Zoustar gelding out of Swiss Dream.
DOODLEBUG 150-1 (9-7, Rowan Scott) 11th of 12, 14l behind Jungle Land (9-7) at Redcar 6f 3yo mdn (5) sft in May 1m 12.49s.
FLOWSTATE Bungle Inthejungle gelding out of Free Lance.
FOOTONTHEGAS 125-1 (8-13, Aiden Brookes) last of 7, 26l behind Magico (9-4) at Pontefract 1m 2yo nov stk (5) gs in Sep 1m 46.76s.
FOX SPIRIT 33-1 (9-4, D Allan) 7th of 16, 8l behind Tiaraqueen (8-13) at Wetherby 7f nov mdn stks (5) gd 1m 28.40s.
OLIGOPOLY 7-1 (9-1, H J Horgan) last of 9, 36l behind Jakajaro (8-12) at Curragh 6f 2yo hcp sft in Jul 1m 17.25s.
REBEL EMPIRE 3-1 (9-9, S M Levey) 3rd of 8, 4l behind Noisy Music (9-2) at Windsor 6f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gf 1m 10.42s.
THE BOBSTER 4-1 (9-7, Billy Garritty) **Towards rear, weakened 2f out,** last of 11, 24l behind Valentine Catcher (9-7) at Redcar 6f 2yo nov stk (5) sft in Oct 1m 16.20s.
ICE POP Exceed And Excel filly out of Dubai Ice.
IDLE ASSEMBLY 7-1 (9-2, S M Levey) 4th of 6, 8l behind Dazzling Star (9-2) at Newmarket 6f 2yo fll mdn (4) gd in Jun '23 1m 12.63s.
MARIS ANGEL 10-1 (8-11, Laura Pearson) 5th of 8, 4l behind Angel's Call (9-4) at Wolverhampton 5f nov auc stks (4) in Apr 1m 01.02s.
ROGERS DREAM 100-1 (9-2, Connor Murtagh) 10th of 12, 13l behind Jungle Land (9-7) at Redcar 6f 3yo mdn (5) sft in May 1m 12.49s.

7.05 RIPON GREEN-SCHEME DISCOUNTS FOR GREENER TRAVEL HANDICAP (4) Winner £6,185 (4 run) 1m 4f 10yds

1 (3) 123-02 **KARDIA** (19) (H) E Bethell 4 9-9 (CD) .... **C Rodriguez** 80
2 (4) 261-50 **STRAWMAN** (35) G Tutty 7 9-7 (C,D) .... **S Gray** 78
3 (1) 232-33 **GENESIUS** (12) (P) Sir M Prescott 7 9-2 (D') ....**J Gilligan** 73
4 (2) 253 **YURINOV** (12) D O'Meara 4 8-13 .... **B Garritty** 70
BETTING: 11-10 Kardia, 3 Yurinov, 7-2 Genesius, 6 Strawman.
2023: KNIGHTSWOOD 4 9 7, Franny Norton 11-4 Fav (C Johnston), drawn (7), 7 ran.
KARDIA 6-1 (9-3, Callum Rodriguez) 2nd of 9, 3/4l behind Lexington Knight (8-9) at Doncaster 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gs in May 2m 37.93s.
STRAWMAN 14-1 (9-3, Connor Beasley) 13th of 20, 13l behind Dancing In Paris (8-13) at York 1m 4f hcp 0-85 (4) gd in May 2m 33.58s.
GENESIUS 6-1 (9-8, Morgan Cole) 3rd of 7, 1 1/2l behind Miller Spirit (9-6) at Goodwood 1m 4f app hcp 0-80 (4) gd 2m 42.29s.
YURINOV 20-1 (10-2, D Tudhope) 3rd of 4, 7l behind Subsequent (9-1) at Haydock 1m 4f nov mdn stks (4) gf 2m 33.13s.

7.35 WELLS MEMORIAL CHALLENGE TROPHY HANDICAP (4) (3-Y-O) Winner £6,185 (8 run) 6f

1 (7) 115-24 **THE GOOD BISCUIT** (13) J Channon 9-9 (D')... **C Rodriguez** 79
2 (5) 2512-7 **BATAL ZABEEL** (18) (P') K Ryan 9-9 .... **S Gray** 79
3 (8) 251-67 **GAME BREAKER** (19) R Menzies 9-8 (D) ...... **Joanna Mason** 78
4 (3) 816-63 **ZIGGY'S QUEEN** (17) R Fahey 9-8 .... **B Garritty** 78
5 (6) 261331 **MOYOLA** (7) (T) L Russell 9-5(6ex) (D') .. **O McSweeney** (3) 69
6 (1) 00-326 **TICKTYBOO** (12) N Tinkler 9-3 .... **A Jary** (5) 73
7 (2) 362 **CASH IN** (14) T Easterby 9-2 .... **D Allan** 72
8 (4) 6-5213 **KELDEO** (12) O Pears 9-2 .... **C Hardie** 72
BETTING: 9-4 Moyola, 7-2 Cash In, 5 Keldeo, 6 Ziggy's Queen, 7 The Good Biscuit, 10 Batal Zabeel, 14 Ticktyboo, 20 Game Breaker.
2023: MUTAANY 9 9, Dane O'Neill 3-1 JtFav (C Hills), drawn (2), 8 ran.
THE GOOD BISCUIT 11-2 (9-3, David Probert) 4th of 8, 4 1/2l behind Cool Dividend (9-6) at Haydock 6f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 13.52s.
BATAL ZABEEL 20-1 (9-7, S A Gray) 7th of 10, 9l behind Pilgrim (9-7) at Musselburgh 5f 3yo hcp 0-85 (4) gs 59.10s.
GAME BREAKER 40-1 (9-2, Archie Young) 7th of 9, 6l behind Angel Shared (9-7) at Carlisle 5f flls hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 01.09s.
ZIGGY'S QUEEN 7-1 (9-8, O J Orr) 3rd of 7, 1l behind Mr Irrelevant (9-2) at Hamilton 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gd 1m 11.89s.
MOYOLA 17-2 (8-12, O J Orr) won at Hamilton 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) gf beating Pals Battalion (9-2) by 2 1/4l, 6 ran 1m 09.98s.
TICKTYBOO 12-1 (9-6, Rowan Scott) 6th of 9, 8l behind Kings Merchant (9-9) at Thirsk 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf 1m 09.86s.
CASH IN 50-1 (9-4, D Fentiman) 2nd of 8, 1/2l behind Golden Strike (9-11) at Ripon 6f nov mdn stks (5) gd 1m 12.44s.
KELDEO 10-1 (9-6, Cam Hardie) 3rd of 10, 4l behind Alfa Kellenic (8-13) at Thirsk 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf 1m 09.37s.

8.05 RIPON FARM SERVICES FILLIES' HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,771 (8 run) 1m 1f 170yds

1 (3) 421134 **DO I DREAM** (26) B Haslam 5 10-2 (C) ...... **Joanna Mason** 65
2 (8) 26-877 **KITTYKARMA** (20) (V) R Fahey 4 9-12 .... **D Nolan** 61
3 (4) 85-811 **ORGANIC** (4) G Boughey 3 9-11 (D) ...... **Grace McEntee** (3) 60
4 (1) -40744 **DANDY'S ANGEL** (11) J Wainwright 7 9-9 (D')**B Wilkie** (5) 58
5 (2) 61-45 **DANCINGWITHMYSELF** (23) M Bell 3 9-8 .**C Rodriguez** 69
6 (6) 518- **VOLCANOLOGY** (236) C Johnston 3 9-7 (BF) ....**F Norton** 68
7 (7) 724444 **LOVE YOURS** (16) G Tutty 3 8-13 .... **H Shaw** 60
8 (5) 72-040 **RIBKANA** (21) T Easterby 4 8-11 .... **D Allan** 43
BETTING: Evens Organic, 9-2 Do I Dream, 7 Volcanology, 8 Dancingwithmyself, 12 Love Yours, 14 Dandy's Angel, 16 Kittykarma, 20 Ribkana.
2023: DUNGAR GLORY 4 10 0, Dougie Costello 14-1 (A Keatley), drawn (8), 8 ran.
DO I DREAM 7-1 (8-6, Sam Feilden) 4th of 11, 4l behind Million Thanks (9-5) at Pontefract 1m hcp 0-75 (5) gd in May 1m 46.20s.
KITTYKARMA 11-1 (9-7, J Garritty) last of 7, 35l behind Hot Team (7-11) at Carlisle 1m 3f hcp 0-65 (6) sft in May 2m 33.08s.
ORGANIC 1-1fav (9-5, P Cosgrave) won at Bath 1m 2f hcp 0-65 (6) gd beating Alvesta (9-6) by 4 1/2l, 7 ran 2m 12.45s.
DANDY'S ANGEL 14-1 (8-7, P Mathers) 4th of 7, 3 1/2l behind Ludo's Landing (9-6) at Beverley 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) gf 2m 06.11s.
DANCINGWITHMYSELF 13-2 (9-9, David Egan) 5th of 9, 6l behind Rosy Kiss (9-5) at Leicester 1m fll hcp (5) gs in May 1m 46.78s.
VOLCANOLOGY 7-2fav (9-7, F Norton) last of 8, 9l behind Courageous Strike (9-10) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f 2yo hcp 0-70 (5) in Oct 2m 02.16s.
LOVE YOURS 12-1 (9-5, Rowan Scott) 4th of 8, 2 3/4l behind Glistening Nights (9-8) at Wetherby 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) gd 2m 09.18s.
RIBKANA 10-1 (9-0, D Allan) 1th of 12, 14l behind Distinction (9-9) at Beverley 1m hcp (6) sft in May 1m 49.88s.

8.35 WE'RE BACK FOR LADIES DAY TOMORROW HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,664 (11 run) 5f

1 (1) -85401 **PROTEST RALLY** (6) (P) L Bailey 4 9-11 (D) .....**B Garritty** 52
2 (2) -43538 **WILLOW BABY** (44) (V') J Ward 4 9-9 .... **S Gray** 55
3 (6) -80364 **PROSPECT** (12) (V) P Midgley 6 9-9 .... **Doubtful** 55
4 (3) -70875 **FORESEEABLE FUTURE** (12) R Carr 9 9-8 (CD') .... **JP Sullivan** 54
5 (4) 5489-0 **DUNNINGTON LAD** (15) P Winks 4 9-6 (D') .... **H Shaw** 52
6 (9) 042368 **PANNONICA** (20) R Hannon 3 9-2 .... **F Norton** 54
7 (7) 88-870 **GOLDEN GAL** (37) O Pears 5 9-2 (D') .... **C Hardie** 48
8 (8) 68-466 **CANARIA PRINCE** (12) (P) T Easterby 6 9-0 (D') **D Allan** 45
9 (10) 0-6608 **GOLDEN PROSPERITY** (31) (P) T Coyle & K Wood 5 9-0 (D) .... **Louise Akehurst** (7) 44
10 (11) -79257 **CAPTAIN CORCORAN** (18) (B) Mrs S Barclay 7 9-0 (D') .... **A Jary** (5) 44
11 (5) 07-674 **SASSY SOPRANO** (11) (H) Mrs A Duffield 3 8-8 .... **A Brookes** (5) 46
BETTING: 3 Protest Rally, 11-2 Foreseeable Future, 7 Pannonica, Canaria Prince, 8 Sassy Soprano, Willow Baby, 16 Captain Corcoran, 20 Others.
2023: ECCLESIASTICAL 6 9 5, David Nolan 4-1 (T Davidson), drawn (11), 10 ran.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): D O'Meara won the 6.35 in '17 and '21.
1ST TIME BLINKERS: None.
CHEEKPIECES: 7.05 Genesius, 7.35 Batal Zabeel*, 8.35 Canaria Prince, Golden Prosperity, Protest Rally.
TONGUE STRAPS: 6.35 Oligopoly, 7.35 Moyola. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None.
1ST TIME HOODS: 6.35 Maris Angel.
LONGEST TRAVELLER: Idle Assembly (6.35) trained at Manton. Round trip of 474 miles.
FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 204 have won out of 585 races (34.9%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 17 have won out of 53 races (32.1%).

RACING RESULTS

ROYAL ASCOT
Going: Good to firm

2.30: 1, CHARYN (S De Sousa) 10-3 Fav; **2, Docklands** 10-1; **3, Maljoom** 15-2. 13 ran. 2¼l, 2¾l. (R Varian). Tote: Win £4.34; Pl £1.70, £3.70, £2.85. Exacta: £37.00. Tricast: £243.89. Trifecta: £202.60. CSF: £34.26. NR: Royal Scotsman.

3.05: 1, RASHABAR (Billy Loughnane) 80-1; **2, Electrolyte** 40-1; **3, Columnist** 50-1; **4, Cool Hoof Luke** 40-1. Also: 4-1 Fav Camille Pissarro. 22 ran. ns, hd, ½l. (B Meehan). Tote: Win £129.90; Pl £18.35, £7.95, £11.90, £8.30. Exacta: £4210.60. Tricast: £83273.26. Trifecta: £122667.10. CSF: £2007.95. NR: Andesite.

3.45: 1, ASFOORA (O Murphy) 5-1; **2, Regional** 6-1; **3, Big Evs** 11-4 Fav; **4, Believing** 9-1. 17 ran. 1l, ½l, shd. (Henry Dwyer (AUS)). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £2.00, £2.55, £1.35. Exacta: £40.00. Tricast: £104.09. Trifecta: £152.00. CSF: £32.20.

4.25: 1, ROSALLION (S M Levey) 5-2; **2, Henry Longfellow** 11-2; **3, Metropolitan** 20-1. Also: 6-4 Fav Notable Speech. 8 ran. nk, 3l. (R Hannon). Tote: Win £3.60; Pl £3.60, £1.30, £1.60. Exacta: £17.10. Tricast: £205.99. Trifecta: £111.10. CSF: £15.20.

5.05: 1, PLEDGEOFALLEGIANCE (L Morris) 20-1; **2, Divine Comedy** 8-1; **3, Kyle Of Lochalsh** 12-1; **4, Get Shirty** 33-1. Also: 9-2 Fav Zannadabad. 20 ran. ½l, 2½l, ½l. (Sir M Prescott). Tote: Win £22.00; Pl £4.10, £7.10, £5.05. Exacta: £206.20. Tricast: £2055.82. Trifecta: £2159.40. CSF: £166.68.

5.40: 1, ISRAR (J Crowley) 11-4 JtFav; **2, Haunted Dream** 14-1; **3, Torito** 7-2. Also: 11-4 JtFav Botanical. 15 ran. 3¼l, shd. (J & T Gosden). Tote: Win £3.75; Pl £1.35, £3.55, £1.80. Exacta: £33.40. Tricast: £143.75. Trifecta: £188.90. CSF: £39.78. NR: Certain Lad.

6.15: 1, BELLOCCIO (W Buick) 4-1; **2, Lmay** 40-1; **3, My Mate Mozzie** 12-1; **4, Alsakib** 11-2. Also: 7-2 Fav A Piece Of Heaven. 16 ran. 1¼l, shd, 1¼l. (W P Mullins (IRE)). Tote: Win £5.70; Pl £2.20, £11.40, £4.90. Exacta: £210.90. Tricast: £1821.77. Trifecta: £3244.60. CSF: £173.28.

Jackpot: Not won, pool of £22,465.65 carried over to Royal Ascot today.
Placepot: £5,406.40. **Quadpot:** £25.70.

BEVERLEY
Going: Good to soft-soft in places

6.05: 1, PAP'S TURF (Mark Winn) 5-1; **2, Footwork** 3-1; **3, I Need Your Love** 5-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Houndsworth. 7 ran. 2¼l, 2½l. (A Keatley). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £2.40, £2.00. Exacta: £16.80. Trifecta: £80.00. CSF: £19.61. NR: Good Reward.

6.40: 1, COPPULL HALL LANE (H Crouch) 8-13 Fav; **2, Phoenix Of Dreams** 2-1; **3, Rogue State** 13-2. 8 ran. 2¼l, 3¾l. (E Bethell). Tote: Win £1.62; Pl £1.10, £1.10, £1.30. Exacta: £2.30. Trifecta: £5.40. CSF: £2.32. NR: Ghaihaban.

7.15: 1, SUNNY ORANGE (D Fentiman) 10-3; **2, Emu War** 10-1; **3, Gidwa** 12-1. Also: 2-1 Fav Port And Starbard. 11 ran. 5½l, ½l. (T Easterby). Tote: Win £4.34; Pl £1.40, £3.00, £3.20. Exacta: £33.80. Tricast: £371.99. Trifecta: £235.60. CSF: £38.05. NR: Glory Call.

7.45: 1, DISTINCTION (J Fanning) 13-2; **2, Wait And Hope** 11-1; **3, Poet's Dawn** 7-1. Also: 5-2 Fav Puella Law. 7 ran. 2l, nk. (J Mackie). Tote: Win £7.50; Pl £3.00, £4.60. Exacta: £67.50. Tricast: £511.55. Trifecta: £266.80. CSF: £69.39. NR: Challet, Running Star.

8.15: 1, MAKALU (JP Sullivan) 7-2 JtFav; **2, Star Of St James** 7-2 JtFav; **3, Little Ted** 6-1. 10 ran. 1l, 3½l. (R Carr). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.40, £1.80, £2.20. Exacta: £15.00. Tricast: £71.90. Trifecta: £70.50. CSF: £14.59.

8.45: 1, FREDDY ROBINSON (B Robinson) 7-4 Fav; **2, Regency Boy** 8-1; **3, Three Platoon** 40-1. 10 ran. nk, 1½l. (B Ellison). Tote: Win £2.75; Pl £1.30, £1.90, £9.20. Exacta: £15.80. Tricast: £416.26. Trifecta: £356.40. CSF: £16.00.

Placepot: £68.50. **Quadpot:** £34.30.

BRIGHTON
Going: Good to firm

6.30: 1, WRESTLING REVENUE (Jack Doughty) 5-4 Fav; **2, The Defiant** 15-2; **3, Batchelor Boy** 9-2. 4 ran. 1¾l, 2¼l. (A Carroll). Tote: Win £2.25; Exacta: £8.70. Trifecta: £15.30. CSF: £9.86. NR: Porterinthejungle.

7.00: 1, MISS NIFTY (J Leavy) 25-1; **2, Alashos** 18-1; **3, Gold Medallist** 5-2. Also: 2-1 Fav Breakout Star. 7 ran. shd, ½l. (J S Moore). Tote: Win £27.60; Pl £8.10, £5.80. Exacta: £173.00. Trifecta: £1336.00. CSF: £351.15. NR: Naina.

7.30: 1, KING OF SCOTIA (W Carver) 12-1; **2, Ceilidh** 12-1; **3, Oh So Audacious** 9-4. Also: 85-40 Fav Local Bay. 8 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (J Osborne). Tote: Win £13.00; Pl £3.30, £3.00, £1.40. Exacta: £130.90. Tricast: £444.82. Trifecta: £433.40. CSF: £140.36. NR: Edmund Ironside, Micks Dream, Poetic Force.

8.00: 1, CORPORATE RAIDER (Dylan Hogan) 4-1; **2, Robert Walpole** 25-1; **3, Largo Bay** 6-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Cloudy Rose. 7 ran. 1½l, 1¼l. (J Feilden). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £2.10, £8.60. Exacta: £77.20. Tricast: £540.54. Trifecta: £324.80. CSF: £78.61. NR: Miss Raindrop, The Conqueror.

8.30: 1, HAVANA MOJITO (D Keenan) 10-1; **2, Viridian** 9-2; **3, Tres Chic** 5-4 Fav. 9 ran. nk, 2¾l. (J Gallagher). Tote: Win £11.90; Pl £3.40, £2.10, £1.30. Exacta: £74.10. Tricast: £95.67. Trifecta: £173.40. CSF: £53.37. NR: Maverick Style, Spirit La Adelita.

9.00: 1, ELECTRIC AVENUE (A Keeley) 7-1; **2, Adace** 4-1 Fav; **3, Fayasel** 9-2. 8 ran. nk, 1l. (G Baker). Tote: Win £8.00; Pl £2.70, £1.90, £1.90. Exacta: £42.00. Tricast: £143.72. Trifecta: £244.80. CSF: £36.41. NR: Big Bard.

Placepot: £8,051.80. **Quadpot:** £29.80.

CATTERICK
Going: Good to soft-soft in places

2.15: 1, THE DANCING POET (Mr Matt Brown) 85-40 Fav; **2, Natchez Trace** 3-1; **3, Made For You** 17-2. 9 ran. 2¼l, ¾l. (B Ellison). Tote: Win £3.20; Pl £1.30, £1.10, £2.60. Exacta: £10.50. Tricast: £43.38. Trifecta: £47.20. CSF: £8.43.

2.50: 1, EDUCATING RITA (C Beasley) 13-8 Fav; **2, Kitten In The Sky** 11-1; **3, Desdemona** 7-2. 8 ran. 1l, 2l. (M Dods). Tote: Win £2.63; Pl £1.10, £2.80, £1.40. Exacta: £18.80. Trifecta: £42.20. CSF: £20.13. NR: Horus, Lionhart, Westgate Warrior.

3.30: 1, HIGH OPINION (A Brookes) 9-2 CoFav; **2, Birkenhead** 9-2 CoFav; **3, Mereside Angel** 5-1. Also: 9-2 CoFav Honour Your Dreams. 9 ran. ¾l, ¾l. (B Smart). Tote: Win £6.00; Pl £1.90, £1.70, £1.70. Exacta: £26.50. Tricast: £104.86. Trifecta: £147.30. CSF: £24.47.

4.10: 1, ANIMATE (R Scott) 12-1; **2, Highjacked** 11-2; **3, Lababa** 5-4 Fav. 9 ran. hd, ½l. (G Harker). Tote: Win £13.00; Pl £2.90, £1.80, £1.10. Exacta: £83.90. Tricast: £140.89. Trifecta: £275.10. CSF: £76.33. NR: Crypto Quest, Invincible Speed, Nights Over Egypt.

4.50: 1, SEA THE DREAM (C Beasley) 2-1 Fav; **2, Mister Sox** 10-3; **3, Woodstock** 11-1. 9 ran. nk, 1½l. (E Bethell). Tote: Win £3.00; Pl £1.10, £1.30, £3.10. Exacta: £10.60. Tricast: £57.58. Trifecta: £62.50. CSF: £8.52. NR: Fortamour.

5.25: 1, INFINITE HONOUR (D Muscutt) 11-8 Fav; **2, Little Venice** 11-2; **3, Made In China** 9-2. 6 ran. 4l, 1½l. (S Corbett). Tote: Win £2.38; Pl £1.10, £2.60. Exacta: £8.00. Tricast: £23.76. Trifecta: £23.70. CSF: £8.87. NR: Bella Grazia, Honrado, Kinetic.

Placepot: £6.00. **Quadpot:** £3.40.

STRATFORD
Going: Good

1.30: 1, CAWTHORNE CRACKER (Toby Wynne) 7-2; **2, Evenwood Sonofagun** 11-4 Fav; **3, Magistrato** 9-2. 8 ran. 2¼l, 1½l. (O Greenall & J Guerriero). Tote: Win £4.50; Pl £1.50, £1.40, £1.70. Exacta: £14.90. Tricast: £43.17. Trifecta: £68.70. CSF: £14.10. NR: Pak Army.

2.05: 1, JUAN BERMUDEZ (H Skelton) 5-6 Fav; **2, Jazz King** 4-1; **3, Flighttothestars** 50-1. 10 ran. 3¼l, 1½l. (D Skelton). Tote: Win £1.84; Pl £1.10, £1.50, £7.90. Exacta: £5.00. Trifecta: £68.50. CSF: £4.55.

2.40: 1, GO GO CHICAGO (K Woods) 10-11 Fav; **2, Pacific** 17-2; **3, Golden Moonshake** 40-1. 9 ran. nk, 13l. (D Killahena & G McPherson). Tote: Win £1.91; Pl £1.10, £1.70, £6.00. Exacta: £12.10. Trifecta: £118.40. CSF: £10.52. NR: Jazzmina Queen.

3.15: 1, THEONLYWAYISWESSEX (T Cannon) 4-1; **2, Invincible Wish** 33-1; **3, Clean Getaway** 10-3. Also: 3-1 Fav Dusky Days. 9 ran. 9½l, ¾l. (A King). Tote: Win £5.00; Pl £1.80, £7.20, £1.30. Exacta: £138.30. Tricast: £490.48. Trifecta: £690.60. CSF: £110.87.

3.55: 1, DONNIE AZOFF (G Sheehan) 12-1; **2, Takeit Easy** 4-1; **3, King Otis** 5-1. Also: 9-4 Fav Ilanz. 9 ran. 9l, 1½l. (J Snowden). Tote: Win £14.70; Pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.70. Exacta: £75.80. Tricast: £276.79. Trifecta: £360.00. CSF: £59.74.

4.35: 1, BBOLD (H Reed) 3-1 Fav; **2, Do No Wrong** 7-2; **3, Storm Control** 25-1. 8 ran. 2¼l, 12l. (Daisy Hitchins). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.30, £1.50, £4.50. Exacta: £13.80. Tricast: £214.12. Trifecta: £194.10. CSF: £14.40.

5.15: 1, COME ON NIA (J Martin) 9-2; **2, Sanitiser** 9-4 Fav; **3, Ned Cash** 22-1. 10 ran. 1¼l, 2½l. (Andrew Martin). Tote: Win £6.40; Pl £1.60, £1.20, £5.40. Exacta: £15.80. Tricast: £199.31. Trifecta: £189.20. CSF: £15.14. NR: Ocean Heights.

5.50: 1, CLIMATE PRECEDENT (H Skelton) 3-1 JtFav; **2, Lookingdandy** 9-2; **3, Ryder's Rock** 10-1. Also: 3-1 JtFav City Roller. 10 ran. 5½l, shd. (D Skelton). Tote: Win £4.00; Pl £1.50, £1.90, £2.70. Exacta: £19.00. Tricast: £118.43. Trifecta: £144.10. CSF: £16.42.

Placepot: £32.30. **Quadpot:** £18.50.

NOTTINGHAM RACING TV.

	GARRY OWEN	PA
5.45	AL WASEELA	COUNTESS CIARA
6.20	TEN COMMITMENTS	DARK DREAMER
6.50	BEAULD AS BRASS	ANGLE LAND
7.20	BLETCHLEY STORM	CAREY STREET
7.50	PATRONAGE	PATRONAGE
8.20	DOUGIES DREAM	ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM
8.50	YOUNG MERLIN	TIGERTEN

5.45 ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS AT NOTTINGHAM EBF MAIDEN FILLIES' STAKES (5) (2-Y-O) Winner £3,725 (12 run) 6f 18yds

1 (3) **AL WASEELA** W Haggas 9-2 .... **A Farragher** —
2 (4) 9 **COUNTESS CIARA** (25) A Watson 9-2 .... **J Bryan** —
3 (9) **CRISTALINO** K P De Foy 9-2 .... **B Sayette** —
4 (6) 95 **HACKNEY DIAMONDS** (9) B Meehan 9-2 ...... **H Davies** —
5 (2) **KOULIKORO** A West 9-2 .... **Jason Watson** —
6 (12) **NAD ALSHIBA RAIN** M Appleby 9-2 .... **A Rawlinson** —
7 (8) **RENEWAL** R Beckett 9-2 .... **E Greatrex** —
8 (10) **SHE'S A DARK HORSE** D Ivory 9-2 .... **W Cox** —
9 (1) **SKYELIGHT** D Ivory 9-2 .... **J F Egan** —
10 (7) **STANDPUT** R Hannon 9-2 .... **S Hitchcott** —
11 (5) 7 **THE MAGIC TURTLE** (22) D Donovan 9-2...... **D Keenan** —
12 (11) 0 **WATER MUSIC** (14) Harry Eustace 9-2........ **G Wood** —

BETTING: 3 Cristalino, 4 Al Waseela, 9-2 Renewal, 6 Standput, 7 Countess Ciara, 8 Hackney Diamonds, 12 Nad Alshiba Rain, 20 Koulikoro, 25 Others.

2023: Race abandoned due to waterlogged course.

AL WASEELA Siyouni filly out of You're Back.
COUNTESS CIARA 25-1 (9-2, L Morris) **Chased leaders, pushed along and lost place over 2f out, no impression after,** 9th of 12, 6l behind Jakarta (9-2) at Goodwood 6f mdn flls stks (4) gd in May 1m 11.97s.
CRISTALINO Fastnet Rock filly out of Stars At Night.
HACKNEY DIAMONDS 40-1 (8-9, Olivia Tubb) **Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, ran on same pace,** 5th of 11, 6l behind Celandine (9-2) at Windsor 6f 2yo fll nov stks (4) gf 1m 12.44s.
KOULIKORO Sands Of Mali filly out of Ishimagic.
NAD ALSHIBA RAIN Too Darn Hot filly out of Wondering Spirit.
RENEWAL Wootton Bassett filly out of Fresh Terms.
SHE'S A DARK HORSE Sergei Prokofiev filly out of Tex Australia.
SKYELIGHT Earthlight filly out of Achnaha.
STANDPUT Cotai Glory filly out of Refuse To Give Up.
THE MAGIC TURTLE 50-1 (9-0, William Cox) **Off the pace towards rear, no chance when when unbalanced on camber over 1f out,** 7th of 9, 8l behind Tequila Rose (9-0) at Brighton 6f 2yo fll mdn (5) gd in May 1m 12.76s.
WATER MUSIC 66-1 (9-2, Hayley Turner) **Held up behind, pushed along and made no impression 3f out,** 10th of 11, 9l behind Tales Of The Heart (9-2) at Kempton 6f 2yo mdn fll (5) pol 1m 12.90s.

6.20 ABBA RACEDAY 6TH JULY BOOK NOW HANDICAP (5) (3-Y-O) Winner £4,187 (9 run) 6f 18yds

1 (2) 0-4207 **LET'S GET EM** (25) (T) P & O Cole 9-9........ **D Muscutt** 69
2 (5) 75-124 **DARK DREAMER** (42) R Cowell 9-9 (BF,D) ...... **J Mitchell** 69
3 (4) 40-50 **BANDELLO** (25) J & S Quinn 9-7 .... **R Scott** 67
4 (9) 0-2345 **CHIEDOZIE** (11) (P*) C Hills 9-7 .... **Jason Watson** 67
5 (3) 6243-4 **PERSIAN BLUE** (168) W Haggas 9-7 .... **A Farragher** 67
6 (1) 3352 **TEN COMMITMENTS** (8) (H) J Osborne 9-6 **W Carver** (3) 66
7 (6) 44449 **BONAVENTURE** (13) (T*) S C Williams 9-5........ **M Ghiani** 65
8 (7) 73-270 **WANT WANT** (33) J Chapple-Hyam 9-4 **S Moldoveanu** (7) 64
9 (8) 458575 **KAPPARIS KID** (22) A Carroll 9-2 (D)........ **W Carson** 62

BETTING: 9-4 Ten Commitments, 3 Dark Dreamer, 6 Persian Blue, 8 Let's Get Em, Chiedozie, 12 Kapparis Kid, 14 Bonaventure, 16 Bandello, Want Want.

2023: Race abandoned due to waterlogged course.

LET'S GET EM 8-1 (9-10, Finley Marsh) **Held up in rear, struggling over 2f out, no impression,** 7th of 9, 9l behind Great Acclaim (9-4) at Windsor 1m 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 1m 42.34s.
DARK DREAMER 11-8fav (9-11, J Mitchell) **Raced keenly, chased leader who went clear 4f out, closer 2f out, ridden and lost 2nd inside final furlong, no extra and lost 3rd towards finish,** 4th of 10, 4l behind Tennessee Gold (9-9) at Kempton 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) pol in May 1m 11.87s.
BANDELLO 50-1 (9-4, Rowan Scott) **Raced near side of group, never closer than mid-division,** 12th of 15, 9l behind Nariko (9-5) at Haydock 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) sft in May 1m 14.16s.
CHIEDOZIE 12-1 (8-10, Jack Enright) **Hampered start, in rear and ridden along early, kept on inside final furlong, never dangerous,** 5th of 9, 6l behind Formidable Force (9-6) at Lingfield 6f 3yo hcp 0-75 (5) gf 1m 09.27s.
PERSIAN BLUE 33-1 (8-12, Tom Marquand) **Went to post early, bumped start, soon chasing leader, every chance until winner quickened on inside final furlong, weakened towards finish,** 4th of 8, 4l behind Bulldog Drummond (9-6) at Kempton 6f 3yo hcp 0-80 (4) pol in Jan 1m 13.97s.
TEN COMMITMENTS 20-1 (9-7, William Carver) **Slowly away, towards rear, headway when not clear run over 1f out, ridden and ran on strongly inside final furlong, not reach winner,** 2nd of 10, nk behind Miss Stormy Night (9-2) at Salisbury 6f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) gf 1m 13.65s.
BONAVENTURE 14-1 (9-9, Hector Crouch) **Raced keenly tracking leaders on inside, pushed along over 2f out, weakened inside final 2f,** 9th of 10, 10l behind Sedgemoor (9-10) at Haydock 7f hcap (5) gd 1m 28.27s.
WANT WANT 20-1 (9-0, Jonny Peate) **Took keen hold, close up, lost position when outpaced over 3f out, ridden and weakened over 2f out,** last of 12, 21l behind Mart (9-8) at Newmarket 6f hcap (5) gd in May 1m 12.33s.
KAPPARIS KID 15-2 (9-2, Joe Leavy) **Tracked leaders, on 3rd as runners came into view 4f out, 4th and beaten as runners came into view just over 1f out, hung badly left and dropped to 5th inside final furlong,** 5th of 9, 7l behind Arnaz (9-9) at Brighton 7f 3yo hcp 0-65 (6) gd in May 1m 25.23s.

6.50 DONT MISS FIVER FRIDAY RACEDAY 19TH JULY 'CONFINED' HANDICAP (5) Winner £4,187 (10 run) 5f 8yds

1 (1) 2-6304 **STRONG JOHNSON** (14) P Midgley 8 9-11 (D^7) **R Sexton** 77
2 (4) 930-50 **MISS BRAZEN** (32) M & D Easterby 4 9-8 (BF,D^2) .... **H Russell** 74
3 (8) 538-24 **DANDY DINMONT** (9) N Tinkler 5 9-7 (D^2) **F McManoman** 73
4 (7) 1410-0 **GLENDOWN** (14) (P) T Easterby 4 9-6 .... **D Fentiman** 72
5 (2) 03-757 **FAUSTUS** (34) (P) R Cowell 6 9-6 (D^4) .... **J Mitchell** 72
6 (3) 07-347 **LITTLE MUDDY** (25) S Spencer 8 9-4 (D^2) .... **Dale Swift** 70
7 (6) 3-8633 **ANGLE LAND** (8) (V) R Cowell 5 9-4 (BF,D^6) .... **M Ghiani** 70
8 (9) -94426 **ABOLISH** (44) (P) A Carroll 8 8-13........ **Jason Watson** 65
9 (10) 183-43 **BEAULD AS BRASS** (22) (H*) A West 4 8-11 (D) **S D Bowen** (5) 63
10 (5) 69-987 **FOUR ADAAY** (12) B Millman 6 8-11 (CD) .... **L Edmunds** 63

BETTING: 9-2 Angle Land, 5 Beauld As Brass, 6 Dandy Dinmont, Strong Johnson, 7 Abolish, 8 Miss Brazen, Faustus, Little Muddy, 16 Others.

2023: Race abandoned due to waterlogged course.

STRONG JOHNSON 11-2 (9-2, P Mulrennan) **Chased leader until 2f out, no extra well inside final furlong,** 4th of 9, 2 3/4l behind International Girl (9-5) at Ripon 6f hcp 0-85 (4) gd 1m 11.17s.
MISS BRAZEN 4-1fav (9-0, Billy Garritty) **Dwelt, mid-division, ridden and well held over 1f out,** 10th of 11, 10l behind Burning Cash (9-5) at Thirsk 5f hcp 0-85 (4) gf in May 57.17s.
DANDY DINMONT 11-2 (9-7, Joe Bradnam) **Mid-division, headway and switched right over 1f out, kept on inside final furlong, unable to challenge,** 4th of 8, 1 3/4l behind Spring Is Sprung (9-11) at Pontefract 5f app hcp (5) gd 1m 03.07s.
GLENDOWN 33-1 (9-2, Sean Kirrane) **Not much room start, mid-division, pushed along over 3f out, headway over 2f out, lost place over 1f out,** 10th of 13, 8l behind Abbey Heights (9-4) at Nottingham 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gf 1m 13.74s.
FAUSTUS 4-1 (9-8, J Mitchell) **Quickly away and led near side rail, ridden and headed over 1f out, weakened quickly final furlong,** last of 7, 6l behind Cinque Verde (8-10) at Lingfield 5f hcp 0-75 (5) gf in May 57.23s.
LITTLE MUDDY 18-1 (8-10, Tommie Jakes) **Chased leaders, ridden 2f out, no impression and one pace,** 7th of 21, 3 1/2l behind Tiriac (9-7) at York 6f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 1m 12.20s.
ANGLE LAND 3-1fav (10-1, Jason Hart) **Raced wide, led after 1f, ridden and joined over 1f out, headed and no extra inside final furlong,** 3rd of 9, 2 1/2l behind Daytona Lady (9-7) at Wetherby 5f fll hcp (5) gd 1m 06.99s.
ABOLISH 9-1 (9-7, Rossa Ryan) **Towards rear, pushed along and headway over 1f out, ridden and kept on towards finish,** 6th of 10, 1 1/2l behind Jacquelina (8-6) at Windsor 5f hcap (5) hvy in May 1m 03.86s.
BEAULD AS BRASS 15-2 (9-6, R Havlin) **Chased leaders, ridden to lead inside final 100 yards, headed towards finish, lost 2nd post,** 3rd of 10, 1/2l behind Fai Fai (8-4) at Lingfield 6f hcp 0-65 (6) pol in May 1m 11.24s.
FOUR ADAAY 14-1 (9-5, David Probert) **Off the pace in last pair, never involved,** 7th of 8, 4 1/2l behind So Smart (9-2) at Bath 5f hcp 0-70 (5) gf 1m 01.72s.

7.20 EXPERIENCE HOSPITALITY AT NOTTINGHAM RACECOURSE HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,402 (13 run) 1m 2f 50yds

1 (7) 423746 **ABU ROYAL** (37) H Main 4 9-11 (BF)........ **R Dawson** 67
2 (2) /07535 **SONNING** (20) D Brooke 6 9-9 (D) .... **Jason Watson** 65
3 (4) 988112 **LASER FOCUS** (8) (T) J Owen 6 9-8 (D)... **S D Bowen** (5) 64
4 (11) 17-738 **THE PUG** (12) (B) S Kirk 4 9-8 (D) .... **Shariq Mohd** (7) 64
5 (12) 401681 **BLETCHLEY STORM** (53) G Baker 4 9-7 (D) **D Keenan** 63
6 (1) 5257-0 **SHOWY** (35) J Portman 4 9-7........ **J Mitchell** 63
7 (10) 7-7986 **PRINCESS NIYLA** (14) A Brown 4 9-7........ **R Scott** 63
8 (6) 55-231 **SISTERANDBROTHER** (12) (H,T) K Frost 6 9-6 (D)........ **P Mathers** 62
9 (5) 050-94 **BAILE LOCHA RIACH** (28) (P*,T) D Donovan 4 9-5.... **L Catton** (5) 61
10 (13) 1826-1 **FILLYFUDGE** (118) Miss A Murphy 5 9-5 (D^2)........ **G Wood** 61
11 (3) 841168 **MC'TED** (18) J Parr 6 9-5 (D^3) .... **Alice Bond** (7) 61
12 (8) 53-315 **CAREY STREET** (26) A Carroll 8 9-3 (D)........ **M Ghiani** 59
13 (9) 277-89 **LILLISTAR** (26) M Hammond 4 8-8....... **Josephine Gordon** 50

BETTING: 9-4 Bletchley Storm, 5 Sisterandbrother, 11-2 Laser Focus, 8 Fillyfudge, 10 Baile Locha Riach, 12 Sonning, Abu Royal, Princess Niyla, 16 Others.

2023: No corresponding race.

ABU ROYAL 5-2fav (9-3, Oisin Murphy) **Chased leaders, pushed along over 2f out, lost place over 1f out,** 6th of 7, 6l behind Richard P Smith (9-9) at Windsor 1m 2f hcp 0-75 (5) gf in May 2m 07.22s.
SONNING 11-4 (9-10, P Mulrennan) **Disputed 4th, went modest 3rd over 3f out, weakened and lost places inside final 2f,** 5th of 7, 16l behind Hot Team (7-11) at Carlisle 1m 3f hcp 0-65 (6) sft in May 2m 33.08s.
LASER FOCUS 11-4 (9-3, S D Bowen) **In touch, ridden to chase winner approaching final furlong, stayed on towards finish,** 2nd of 8, nk behind Life On The Rocks (9-6) at Wetherby 1m 2f app hcp 0-70 (5) gd 2m 11.00s.
THE PUG 40-1 (9-4, Rob Hornby) **Chased leaders after 1f, went 2nd inside final 3f until over 2f out, weakened quickly over 1f out,** 8th of 11, 17l behind Taritino (9-4) at Bath 1m 6f hcp 0-70 (5) gf 3m 02.18s.
BLETCHLEY STORM 6-1 (8-13, Darragh Keenan) **Travelled strongly, lost several lengths start, held up in rear, smooth headway over 3f out, travelling best 2f out, soon led, ridden entering final furlong, soon clear, pushed out inside final furlong, easily,** won at Leicester 1m 2f hcap (6) sft in Apr beating Fougere (9-3) by 8l, 11 ran 2m 19.86s.
SHOWY 11-2 (9-9, T E Whelan) **Mid-division, ridden over 2f out, no impression,** 11th of 13, 8l behind Golden Phase (8-12) at Bath 1m 2f hcp 0-65 (6) gd in May 2m 11.81s.
PRINCESS NIYLA 14-1 (9-4, Rowan Scott) **In touch in mid-division, pushed along on outside over 3f out, effort over 2f out, no impression from over 1f out,** 6th of 11, 6l behind Garden Oasis (9-7) at Ripon 1m hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1m 39.42s.
SISTERANDBROTHER 5-2fav (9-12, Miss Stephanie Dorey) **Took keen hold, midfield, travelling well 3f out, soon bumped with rival and ridden, bumped with another rival 2f out, kept on approaching final furlong where led, soon pressed for lead, kept on close home, always holding on near finish,** won at Haydock 1m 4f am hcp (0-70) (4yo+) (5) gf beating Unplugged (11-3) by 1/2l, 12 ran 2m 30.94s.
BAILE LOCHA RIACH 13-2 (9-10, Rhys Clutterbuck) **Held up towards rear, headway over 1f out, went 4th inside final furlong, not trouble leaders,** 4th of 10, 4 1/2l behind Federated (9-7) at Kempton 1m 4f hcp 0-60 (6) pol in May 2m 34.44s.
FILLYFUDGE 28-1 (9-9, George Wood) **Led, headed over 7f out, chased leader, led again over 2f out, kicked clear over 1f out, reduced lead inside final furlong, ridden out,** won at Chelmsford City 1m 2f hcp 0-68 (6) pol in Feb beating Hotspur Harry (9-9) by 3/4l, 8 ran 2m 09.15s.
MC'TED 20-1 (8-13, Alice Bond) **Towards rear, pushed along 3f out, never nearer,** 8th of 14, 4 1/2l behind Marion's Boy (9-8) at Lingfield 1m 2f hcp 0-65 (6) pol 2m 06.30s.
CAREY STREET 22-1 (9-8, William Carson) **Led, driven and headed over 1f out, faded inside final furlong,** 5th of 13, 4 1/2l behind Pink Lily (9-6) at Bath 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 2m 11.11s.
LILLISTAR 50-1 (9-0, T Eaves) **Held up towards rear, well beaten final 2f,** 9th of 10, 27l behind Yippee (9-0) at Pontefract 1m 2f mdn hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 2m 14.77s.

7.50 RACEDAY RESTAURANT SHERWOODS HANDICAP (6) (3-Y-O) Winner £3,402 (11 run) 1m 2f 50yds

1 (4) 5508 **FORTNUM** (29) G Boughey 9-11 .... **P Cosgrave** 60
2 (6) 08-864 **EMERALD CITY** (29) J Fanshawe 9-10 .... **D Muscutt** 59
3 (9) 615421 **PATRONAGE** (29) (P) N Tinkler 9-10 (CD) .... **R Scott** 59
4 (1) 057-57 **POP NOODLE** (140) M Loughnane 9-9 .... **E Greatrex** 58
5 (10) 57-6 **MISTY TIME** (55) M Walford 9-9 .... **P Dennis** 58
6 (11) 3777- **LINCOLN ROYAL** (247) (E*,T) I Furtado 9-8....... **J Haynes** 57
7 (2) 0799 **DARING LEADER** (8) O Greenall & J Guerriero 9-7 .... **Ryan Sexton** 56
8 (5) 80-802 **STANDBACKANDLOOK** (15) W Knight 9-6.... **M Ghiani** 55
9 (3) 18-644 **SERENDIPITOUS LADY** (20) (B,T) D Cunha 9-4 .... **C Hutchinson** (3) 53
10 (7) 669-57 **LADY OF TIME** (20) (T) T Easterby 9-3........ **D Fentiman** 52
11 (8) 58-0 **ADAAY WITH MICHAEL** (30) M & D Easterby 8-11 .... **H Russell** 40

BETTING: 3 Patronage, 9-2 Serendipitous Lady, 5 Emerald City, Fortnum, 7 Standbackandlook, 12 Lady Of Time, Lincoln Royal, 20 Misty Time, Adaay With Michael, Pop Noodle, 25 Daring Leader.

2023: Race abandoned due to waterlogged course.

FORTNUM 25-1 (9-4, Billy Loughnane) **Slowly away, in rear, never on terms,** last of 8, 21l behind Post Rider (8-11) at Brighton 1m nov stks (5) gd in May 1m 36.38s.
EMERALD CITY 11-1 (9-8, R Coakley) 4th of 11, 2 3/4l behind Patronage (9-3) at Nottingham 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 2m 14.10s.
PATRONAGE 13-2 (9-3, Rowan Scott) won at Nottingham 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May beating Masonbrook Meadow (9-10) by 1 1/2l, 11 ran 2m 14.10s.
POP NOODLE 16-1 (9-4, Daniel Muscutt) **Held up towards rear, pushed along over 3f out, well beaten final 2f,** last of 7, 10l behind Amiwithani (9-5) at Kempton 1m 4f 3yo hcp 0-70 (5) pol in Jan 2m 38.14s.
MISTY TIME 150-1 (8-13, Harry Russell) **Pushed along and struggling in rear over 3f out, never a factor, tailed off,** last of 6, 26l behind Dambuster (9-11) at Beverley 1m 2f nov stks (5) sft in Apr 2m 09.12s.
LINCOLN ROYAL 7-2 (9-10, Marco Ghiani) **Chased leader until halfway, chased leaders, ridden and weakened 2f out,** 7th of 8, 16l behind Serendipitous Lady (9-0) at Yarmouth 7f 2yo hcp 0-60 (6) sft in Oct 1m 31.09s.
DARING LEADER 33-1 (9-5, Harry Russell) **In touch, pushed along 3f out, weakened over 1f out,** 9th of 11, 6l behind John L Sullivan (9-8) at Wetherby 1m 3yo hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 42.50s.
STANDBACKANDLOOK 8-1 (9-9, Callum Shepherd) **Headway to lead 8f out, ridden and headed over 1f out, stayed on one pace,** 2nd of 13, 4 1/2l behind Dibble Dabble (9-4) at Leicester 1m 2f 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) gs 2m 11.93s.
SERENDIPITOUS LADY 11-1 (9-5, David Probert) 4th of 10, 2 3/4l behind Naturalia (9-10) at Carlisle 1m 1f hcap (6) sft in May 2m 02.08s.
LADY OF TIME 9-2 (9-9, D Allan) 7th of 9, 15l behind Blenheim Star (9-5) at Ripon 1m 3yo hcp 0-55 (6) sft in May 1m 46.33s.
ADAAY WITH MICHAEL 200-1 (9-4, Billy Garritty) **Towards rear, ridden halfway, weakened over 2f out,** last of 11, 36l behind Paborus (9-9) at Carlisle 7f nov mdn stks (5) gf in May 1m 24.46s.

8.20 HOST YOUR CONFERENCE AT NOTTINGHAM RACECOURSE HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,402 (12 run) 1m 75yds

1 (8) 58-648 **AL BAAHY** (12) K Frost 5 9-10 .... **J Mitchell** 62
2 (9) 23-902 **BALLSBRIDGE** (9) (B) J Candlish 4 9-10 .... **L Edmunds** 62
3 (1) -03832 **DOUGIES DREAM** (22) (P) N Tinkler 5 9-10 (D^4)........ **F McManoman** 62
4 (5) 615-87 **CARIAD** (21) (B) G Scott 4 9-9 (D^2) .... **D Muscutt** 61
5 (11) 14-112 **ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM** (4) M Appleby 6 9-8 (BF,D^3)........ **S D Bowen** (5) 60
6 (4) 311-67 **CEILIDH** (36) (B) G Baker 4 9-7........ **P Cosgrave** 59
7 (10) 0-5137 **SAM'S HOPE** (15) (T*) A Carroll 4 9-7........ **D Keenan** 59
8 (7) 455475 **ADELABELLA** (31) M Wigham 4 9-6........ **B Sayette** 58
9 (12) 7-0057 **TASEVER** (9) (P) T Easterby 4 9-6........ **D Fentiman** 58
10 (2) 867-82 **BELIEVE YOU ME** (36) (P) H Main 4 9-6 .... **R Dawson** 58
11 (6) 1324-0 **ASTRONOMICA** (31) Dr J Scargill 4 9-6 (D^2)........ **G Wood** 58
12 (3) 18527- **ICE SHADOW** (175) (B) A Brown 5 9-4 (C,D)........ **R Scott** 56

BETTING: 7-2 Andromedas Kingdom, 4 Dougies Dream, 5 Ballsbridge, 7 Adelabella, 8 Believe You Me, 12 Al Baahy, 14 Tasever, Ceilidh, Cariad, 16 Others.

2023: Race abandoned due to waterlogged course.

AL BAAHY 14-1 (9-3, Andrea Pinna) **Towards rear, headway on outer from 5f out, outpaced before 1f out, weakened inside final 110 yards,** 8th of 11, 4 1/2l behind Pink Lily (9-8) at Goodwood 1m 1f app hcp 0-70 (5) gd 1m 57.71s.
BALLSBRIDGE 22-1 (9-11, George Wood) **Led early, prominent, led over 4f out, clear over 2f out until over 1f out, headed inside final furlong, no impression after,** 2nd of 13, 2 1/2l behind Lord Warburton (8-4) at Pontefract 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 2m 14.00s.
DOUGIES DREAM 7-1 (9-7, Faye McManoman) **Mid-division, headway going well over 2f out, chased winner and ridden over 1f out, stayed on, just held,** 2nd of 11, nk behind Copper And Five (9-9) at Redcar 1m hcp 0-65 (6) sft in May 1m 40.22s.
CARIAD 16-1 (9-4, Jack Enright) **Midfield, ridden over 2f out, soon weakened, no impression entering final furlong,** last of 7, 4 1/2l behind Kynsa (9-2) at Kempton 1m app hcap (5) pol in May 1m 41.01s.
ANDROMEDAS KINGDOM 3-1fav (9-4, S D Bowen) **Mid-division, pushed along and headway over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, went 2nd 110 yards out, no chance with winner,** 2nd of 10, 3l behind Local Bay (9-2) at Bath 1m hcp 0-60 (6) gd 1m 41.00s.
CEILIDH 17-2 (9-6, Aidan Keeley) **In touch, pushed along over 3f out, hung left over 1f out, no telling impression,** 7th of 8, 22l behind Racing Demon (9-4) at Chepstow 1m hcp 0-60 (6) sft in May 1m 44.05s.
SAM'S HOPE 25-1 (9-2, S W Kelly) **In touch, ridden over 1f out, never a threat,** 7th of 8, 7l behind Mr Squires (9-7) at Wolverhampton 7f hcp 0-68 (5) 1m 27.92s.
ADELABELLA 12-1 (9-0, S De Sousa) **Tracked leaders near side, pushed along 2f out, ridden over 1f out, stayed on until no extra and lost 4th final strides,** 5th of 13, 2l behind Ziggy's Phoenix (9-4) at Newmarket 1m flls hcp 0-75 (5) gf in May 1m 37.44s.
TASEVER 8-1 (9-7, D Fentiman) **Held up towards rear, headway 2f out, never troubled leaders,** 7th of 13, 12l behind Lord Warburton (8-4) at Pontefract 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 2m 14.00s.
BELIEVE YOU ME 4-1 (9-7, Cieren Fallon) **Prominent, headway to lead under 3f out, ridden under 2f out, hung left and headed inside final furlong, kept on but always held,** 2nd of 8, 2l behind Flame Of Kodiac (9-8) at Chepstow 1m hcp 0-60 (6) sft in May 1m 44.53s.
ASTRONOMICA 25-1 (9-0, George Wood) **Tracked leader in centre, lost 2nd in group entering final 3f, ridden and beaten when hung right inside final 2f,** 11th of 13, 12l behind Ziggy's Phoenix (9-4) at Newmarket 1m flls hcp 0-75 (5) gf in May 1m 37.44s.
ICE SHADOW 15-2 (9-10, Rowan Scott) **Chased leaders, pushed along 3f out, went 2nd over 2f out, ridden and lost 2nd over 1f out, weakened inside final furlong,** 7th of 11, 8l behind Panama City (9-10) at Wolverhampton 1m 1f hcp (6) in Dec 1m 50.36s.

GOING: Good to Soft.
COURSE: Left-handed oval track of 1m 4f, straight 6f course, flat with easy turns.
DRAW: At 5f and 6f low numbers slightly favoured when stalls on the far side. At 5f and 6f high numbers best when stalls on the stand side.
TOP TRAINERS: Michael Appleby 31-211 (14.7%), William Haggas 18-79 (22.8%), Ralph Beckett 15-89 (16.9%), Richard Hannon 13-119 (10.9%), Tim Easterby 12-154 (7.8%), Paul Midgley 11-70 (15.7%), Charles Hills 10-54 (18.5%).
TOP JOCKEYS: Jason Watson 8-46 (17.4%), Lewis Edmunds 7-63 (11.1%), Daniel Muscutt 6-77 (7.8%), Ray Dawson 6-54 (11.1%), Jack Mitchell 5-55 (9.1%), Benoit Sayette 3-29 (10.3%), Duran Fentiman 3-49 (6.1%), Josephine Gordon 3-36 (8.3%).

8.50 GRASSROOTS FINALS DAY 2ND OCTOBER HANDICAP (6) Winner £3,402 (12 run) 1m 6f

1 (7) 984-14 **RUSSIAN RUMOUR** (12) (P) J Portman 7 9-11 (CD)........ **Olivia Tubb** (7) 67
2 (8) 3489-4 **DOUGLAS DC** (16) A Carroll 6 9-9........ **W Carson** 65
3 (6) 4/48-4 **HIGHLAND FROLIC** (48) (T) M Rimell 5 9-8.. **D Muscutt** 64
4 (3) 133114 **NEY** (19) (B) D Brooke 6 9-7 (BF,D)........ **A Rawlinson** 63
5 (12) 063425 **ROCK N ROLL PINKIE** (17) I Furtado 4 9-7 (D)..... **M Ghiani** 63
6 (5) 759-32 **YOUNG MERLIN** (45) (P) Miss A Murphy 8 9-7 (D)........ **L Edmunds** 63
7 (11) 5240-0 **MRS MEADER** (88) J Feilden 8 9-5 .... **S Feilden** (7) 61
8 (10) 2852-8 **GRAIN OF HOPE** (P*) E Lavelle 4 9-5 .... **E Greatrex** 61
9 (4) 864-06 **SEA MASTER** (26) J Ward 4 9-4 .... **J F Egan** 60
10 (1) -06324 **TIGERTEN** (9) (P,T) K Frost 7 9-0 (BF,D)........ **B Sayette** 56
11 (2) 4-3067 **LONGUERUE** (13) R Eddery 5 8-9 (C)........ **S D Bowen** (5) 51
12 (9) 01-878 **ROMAN TEMPEST** (22) S Dow 5 8-7 .... **H Davies** 49

BETTING: 3 Tigerten, 9-2 Russian Rumour, 6 Ney, Young Merlin, 7 Rock N Roll Pinkie, 10 Douglas Dc, 16 Grain Of Hope, Mrs Meader, Highland Frolic, 20 Others.

2023: No corresponding race.

RUSSIAN RUMOUR 15-2 (9-7, T E Whelan) 4th of 11, 5l behind Taritino (9-4) at Bath 1m 6f hcp 0-70 (5) gf 3m 02.18s.
DOUGLAS DC 9-1 (9-8, William Carson) 4th of 6, 3 1/2l behind Shalfa (9-7) at Brighton 1m 2f hcap (5) gf 2m 02.89s.
HIGHLAND FROLIC 14-1 (8-11, David Egan) **Tracked clear leader, closed 4f out, soon pushed along, weakened 2f out, tailed off,** 4th of 5, 29l behind Iron Lion (9-9) at Doncaster 1m 4f hcp 0-80 (4) gs in May 2m 36.72s.
NEY 13-8fav (9-11, Brandon Wilkie) **Held up in last trio, headway chasing leaders 3f out, came wide in home straight, soon hung right and ended towards far side, ridden and weakened quickly over 1f out,** 4th of 8, 17l behind Bonne Vitesse (9-7) at Carlisle 2m 1f app hcp (6) gs in May 4m 00.23s.
ROCK N ROLL PINKIE 11-1 (9-3, Joey Haynes) **Rear mid-division, ridden 2f out, no progress,** 5th of 10, 4l behind Expressionless (9-9) at Nottingham 1m 6f hcp 0-70 (5) gd 3m 04.62s.
YOUNG MERLIN 9-2 (9-3, Frederick Larson) **Held up in rear, ridden and headway between horses 3f out, kept on strongly to take 2nd inside final furlong, no chance with winner,** 2nd of 9, 3l behind Warranty (9-7) at Salisbury 1m 6f hcp 0-65 (6) hvy in May 3m 14.21s.
MRS MEADER 9-1 (9-4, Sam Feilden) **In touch, weakened over 1f out,** 11th of 12, 20l behind Bustaam (9-6) at Doncaster 1m 2f app hcp 0-70 (5) sft in Mar 2m 22.04s.
GRAIN OF HOPE 14-1 (9-2, R Patrick) **Chased leaders, ridden and lost place over 2f out, well beaten over 1f out,** 8th of 10, 14l behind Le Rouge Chinois (9-8) at Lingfield 2m hcap 0-70 (5) pol in Jan 5m 13.75s.
SEA MASTER 40-1 (9-2, Cam Hardie) **Held up towards rear, ridden over 3f out, well beaten final 2f,** 6th of 9, 15l behind Gordon Grey (9-4) at Pontefract 1m 4f hcp 0-70 (5) gd in May 2m 40.92s.
TIGERTEN 11-8fav (9-6, Rossa Ryan) **In touch in mid-division, not much room when closing over 2f out, ridden over 1f out, 4th and no impression final furlong, stayed on same pace,** 4th of 13, 6l behind Sam Sarphati (9-0) at Pontefract 2m 1f hcp 0-60 (6) gd 3m 51.42s.
LONGUERUE 66-1 (9-4, Darragh Keenan) **Raced wide towards rear, pushed along 2f out, ridden and kept on inside final furlong, never nearer,** 7th of 13, 4 1/2l behind Philos (9-9) at Chelmsford City 1m 6f hcp 0-68 (6) pol 3m 03.16s.
ROMAN TEMPEST 33-1 (8-11, Christian Howarth) **In touch in 5th, pushed along over 3f out, weakened soon after,** 8th of 9, 20l behind Eljaytee (8-6) at Brighton 1m 2f hcp 0-60 (6) gd in May 2m 05.97s.

TRAINER TARGETS (won today's race at least twice in last 10 years): P Midgley won the 6.50 in '21 and '22. M Appleby won the 8.20 in '15, '16 and '21.
1ST TIME BLINKERS: None.
CHEEKPIECES: 6.20 Chiedozie*, 6.50 Abolish, Faustus, Glendown, 7.20 Baile Locha Riach*, 7.50 Patronage, 8.20 Believe You Me, Dougies Dream, Tasever, 8.50 Grain Of Hope*, Russian Rumour, Tigerten, Young Merlin.
TONGUE STRAPS: 6.20 Bonaventure*, Let's Get Em, 7.20 Baile Locha Riach, Laser Focus, Sisterandbrother, 7.50 Lady Of Time, Lincoln Royal, Serendipitous Lady, 8.20 Sam's Hope*, 8.50 Highland Frolic, Tigerten. (*=1st time).
1ST RUN SINCE WIND OP: None.
1ST TIME HOODS: 6.50 Beauld As Brass.
LONGEST TRAVELLER: Four Adaay (6.50) trained at Cullompton. Round trip of 408 miles.
FAVOURITES: (2019-2024): 233 have won out of 704 races (33.1%). At the previous corresponding meetings, 9 have won out of 22 races (40.9%).

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GAME OF THE DAY

SCOTLAND V SWITZERLAND

IT'S time for Scotland to deliver – or face the humiliation of arriving home from Germany before the postcards.

Friday night's massacre in Munich means Steve Clarke's side are short on wiggle room as they prepare to take on the Swiss.

A point is the minimum needed to keep the Scots in contention but that's a tall order against a Red Cross outfit who have reached the last 16 at least in their last five tournaments.

The Swiss also impressed in their Group A opener as they got up and running with a 3-1 win over Hungary.

ONE TO WATCH

JAMAL MUSIALA

Scotland found to their cost just how good the Bayern Munich kid is once he gets going.

The 21-year-old fired in the second for Julian Nagelsmann's side as they blasted Scotland apart in Bavaria and generally gave our side the runaround.

The Germans will be looking for a repeat showing as they look for the win which will book their place in the knock-out stages.



Follow the Record team live from Germany every week night at 6pm on YouTube, Facebook & X



LUK OUT Provod fires the Czechs into a shock lead, above, on an otherwise frustrating night for superstar Ronaldo, top left

WHO BARES WINS

Kid Conceicao celebrates in style after rescuing his country with late clincher

PORTUGAL sub Francisco Conceicao scored a dramatic injury-time winner after a desperate last throw of the dice by boss Roberto Martinez.

Conceicao, the 21-year-old Porto winger, succeeded where Cristiano Ronaldo had failed with an emphatic close-range finish just three minutes after coming off the bench.

Lukas Provod had fired the Czechs into a shock 62nd-minute lead with a brilliant 25-yard curler.

But Portugal levelled through Robin Hranac's unfortunate own goal seven minutes later.

It's tough to drop a player with 130 international goals and five Ballon d'Or trophies – even if he is just seven months shy of his 40th birthday.

But former Everton manager Martinez must now decide whether his threat to Ronaldo was real or just a soundbite for the cameras.

PORTUGAL......2 CZECH REPUBLIC......1

BY SIMON MULLOCK

Conceicao's emphatic close-range finish three minutes from time gave Portugal a win that their overwhelming superiority deserved.

But after insisting on the eve of the game Ronaldo doesn't get into his team on reputation alone, Martinez might find his No.7 continues to be the main topic of conversation.

If a couple of journeymen Czech defenders can put the squeeze on your star forward, it surely can't be long until his time is up.

Five years ago, Ronaldo would have left Leipzig with the match ball and the headlines.

In 2024, he was relieved that Hranac's unfortunate 69th-minute own goal wiped out Provod's spectacular opener before Conceicao came on to win it late on.

The stadium announcer informed the 40,000 crowd that it was Ronaldo's goal after the otherwise outstanding Czech keeper Jindrich Stanek had palmed the ball against the legs of Hranac and seen it roll back into his goal. Even Portugal's No.7 looked embarrassed by the call.

Seven minutes earlier, with thunder sounding in the distance, Ivan Hasek's underdogs struck with a bolt from the blue when Provod fired a glorious effort from 25 yards that curled away from keeper Diogo Costa and flew in off a post.

Martinez never got the best out of Belgium's generation. Little wonder he celebrated the equaliser with a furious wave of his fist.

Portugal thought they had won it four minutes from time when Diogo Jota bundled the ball home from close-range after Ronaldo's header had struck a post.

However, VAR spotted that the No.7 had strayed just offside.

Hasek's men couldn't keep the Portuguese at bay much longer.

Before Ronaldo had even stepped foot on to the pitch he was met with taunts of "Messi, Messi". He should

FRANTASTIC Conceicao whips off his shirt as he celebrates late winner, inset

THE STATS

74	POSSESSION (%)	26
8	SHOTS ON	1
11	SHOTS OFF	4
13	CORNERS	0
6	FOULS	9
2	YELLOW CARDS	1
0	RED CARDS	0

have shut them up in a first half that saw Portugal have almost 75 per cent of the ball.

The first chance Ronaldo had to add to his international haul saw him power those neck muscles into Rafael Leao's early cross but the ball bounced off his shoulder and wide.

He was twice denied by Stanek, the Czech keeper keeping his nerve to stand up before diverting Ronaldo's effort away with an outstretched arm and then beating away another shot just before the break.

Bruno Fernandes was Portugal's most creative force.

The Manchester United captain saw one long-ranger dip just too late after taking a deflection before serving up a cross for Leao the winger just failed to reach as he slid in at the far post. The Czechs are inexperienced in more ways than one, though.

Hasek has the youngest squad at the tournament and although he has West Ham pair Tomas Soucek and Vladimir Coufal as well as Bayer Leverkusen's Bundesliga winner Patrik Schick, the rest of his starting team ply their trade with Slavia Prague and Viktoria Plzen.

But they fought for every ball. When Ruben Dias whipped a cross in just after the break, it appeared Ronaldo must score until Hranac threw his head at the ball to deny him again.

When Provod struck, another shock looked on the cards.

That was until fortune turned the game Portugal's way.



CZECH IN Hranac (No.4) concedes the own goal for Portugal's leveller before agony

EUR HISTORY

Classic matches from past



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Euro 2012 semi-final: National Stadium, Warsaw, Thursday, June 28

OCCASIONALLY, a footballer comes along who is impossible to fathom.

From Eric Cantona to Zlatan Ibrahimovic, they carry many of the same characteristics – brooding and outspoken.

Mario Balotelli arrived in the Premier League as a young man showing those traits but also one other thing that Cantona and Ibrahimovic possessed. He exhibited a magic touch with the ball.

He signed for Manchester City in 2010 on his 20th birthday and so began a journey of exquisite passes and goals, mixed with red cards on the field and mayhem off it.

Life in England included letting off fireworks inside his bathroom to start a fire in his house plus regular battles to put on his bib in training, much to the amusement of photographers.

But Germany found out to their cost never to underestimate the striker once his fuse is lit. Six weeks after his pass set up Sergio Aguero for the most famous goal in Manchester City's history, he was centre stage for his country.

He underlined his ability at Euro 2012 as the Azzurri's No.9 with a superb double to fire Italy into the final.

Balotelli put them on their way when he headed Antonio Cassano's cross past Manuel Neuer then added a thunderous right-foot effort from the edge of the box just before half-time. Off came the shirt in a defiant celebration directed at the critics who had dared to question him.

Mesut Ozil's stoppage-time penalty later provided brief anxiety for Italy but their victory was confirmed moments later as Balotelli embraced his adopted mum Silvia on the "greatest night of my life".

"At the end of the game I went to my mother – that was the best moment," he said. "I told her these goals were for her.

"I waited a long time for this moment, especially as my mother is not young any more and can't travel far, so I had to make her happy when she came all this way."

Balotelli's fairytale ended when Italy were trounced 4-0 in the final by Spain.

He still knocks in the occasional goal for Adana Demirspor in Turkey while his nation embark on another Euros tilt.

But in the modern football world of tactical chess games, oh for a flash of individual brilliance just once more from Mario 'Why Always Me?' Balotelli.

GULER SHAKER

Young Turk a history boy in thriller

ARD EARNED PRIZE Guler celebrates his stunning goal then takes a pic after landing the award for Man of the Match, below

TURKEY...............3 GEORGIA..............1

CARL ASKEW REPORTS

WONDERKID Arda Guler made Euros history with a stunning strike against Georgia that sent a huge Turkish support into a frenzy.

This Group F thriller was finely poised at half-time after debut boys Georgia had bounced back from Mert Muldur's spectacular opener to level with a strike from Georges Mikautadze.

But 19-year-old Guler stepped up when Turkey needed him as he sent a left-foot curler into the net from 25 yards to put his side back in front on 65 minutes.

And Vincenzo Montella's side sealed the deal in stoppage time when Kerem Akturkoglu ran clear to slot into an empty net with Georgian keeper Giorgi Mamardashvili up for a corner.

Guler's goal was the highlight of an astonishing match as he became the youngest player to score on his Euros debut.

It came just a few weeks after he came on in the Champions League Final to help Real Madrid see off Dortmund.

But the humble kid played down his heroics and said: "I don't care about personal achievements. I'm all about the team and I'm delighted to pay my part in the victory."

This clash was played in Dortmund but it felt like Istanbul as tens of thousands of Turks roared their team on.

Guler added: "It isn't enough to say the support was great – it was more than that. It was great to get a win for the coach."

Montella turned 50 yesterday and admitted Turkey's victory was the ideal way to celebrate.

The Italian said: "It was a match worthy of the finals. Our supporters were great, even when it was tough, and this victory for them as well. I'm turning 50 today so this was the best present I could have received."

This was a match for the ages with stunning strikes, drama until the final kick and 37 attempts on goal.

In the end, Turkey triumphed against opponents making their debut at a major finals but Georgia were so close to snatching a draw.

In a sensational finale, Turkey's Samet Akaydin made an amazing block to keep out a chance from Budu Zivzivadze after Khvicha Kvaratskhelia's free-kick had come off the post.

From the resulting corner, with keeper Mamardashvili in the opposition box, Turkey won possession and Akturkoglu broke clear to slot home from 25 yards.

An hour before the start there were disturbing scenes as rival fans clashed.

But the noise when the teams came out was electric and it never abated.

Turkey took the lead after 25 minutes as full-back Muldur crashed home a superb volley.

After Kenan Yildiz had a second ruled out for offside, Georgia levelled with a near-post strike from Mikautadze.

But Guler's screamer put the Turks back in front before that madcap finale.

Gutted Georgia boss Willy Sagnol said: "We can be proud of our display and putting Georgian football in such a positive light."

In bad Nik for revival

CROATIA have suffered another blow to their Euro 2024 hopes with midfielder Nikola Vlasic forced to pull out of the tournament with a muscle injury.

The World Cup semi finalists were already reeling after losing their Group B opener 3-0 to Spain on Saturday.

But the loss of Vlasic has piled on the pain ahead of today's must-win match with Albania.

Torino midfielder Vlasic said: "I'm extremely sorry that this new injury will prevent me from helping the team."

Boss Zlatko Dalic must now plan for life without Vlasic but reported no new injury problems ahead of the crunch clash with Albania in Hamburg.

EAGLES SYL TAKING PLENTY JOY

CROATIA v ALBANIA

SYLVINHO relishes the role of playing plucky underdog with Albania at Euro 2024.

The former Arsenal and Manchester City full-back, who has been in charge of the Eagles since last January, is in the group of death in his first major tournament as a manager.

And there is no let-up for his side after Saturday's 2-1 defeat to Italy, as Albania face Croatia today before a date with Spain to round off Group B.

"This is a very tough group, definitely," he admitted. "But I believe it can be a true joy for us, being here. We're playing against the best teams and we can learn from them.

"It's a joy facing players from Manchester City, Real Madrid, Inter Milan. That's a great thing. It's a beautiful tournament and we have a lot to learn, but we're there.

"Against Italy we respected the other side, but we were there until the very end and almost got a draw. Perhaps tomorrow we might win, who knows?"

The Croatians will also be desperate for all three points today after going down heavily 3-0 to Spain in their opening match.



HURT LOCKER France superstar Kylian Mbappe's broken nose ends his night early against Austria

MBAPPE: IT'S A KNOCKOUT

Deschamps won't risk star man

BY ALEX RICHARDS

KYLIAN MBAPPE will miss France's Euro 2024 match with Netherlands on Friday… and may not be seen until the knockout stages.

The France captain left Les Bleus' opener a bloody mess on Monday night and was rushed to hospital in Dusseldorf, but did not need to undergo surgery after medical tests revealed a bone fracture.

French Football Federation president Philippe Diallo said: "The first responses were quite positive as there is no surgery planned for the moment.

"Now it is too soon to know if he will be able to play for the remainder of the tournament, or to provide a schedule for his situation.

"Obviously there were some medical examinations performed on site to know more about Kylian Mbappe's nose and they made some conclusions pretty quickly.

"They tried to reduce the aftermath of his fracture, for him to be able to remain in the tournament.

"As I said, there is no surgery planned for the moment and we are still waiting for things to evolve later in order to know more about the conditions of his participation in the remainder of the tournament."

That allayed fears that the soon-to-be Real Madrid superstar's tournament could be over, something that had looked a distinct possibility as head coach Didier Deschamps cut a forlorn figure in his post-match press conference.

And as he left hospital just after 1am local time Mbappe took to social media asking "any ideas for masks".

When he returned to France's base camp early yesterday morning, Mbappe made clear that he was desperate to return as soon as possible.

But after undergoing more medical tests and holding discussions with team doctor Franck Le Gall and Deschamps, Mbappe has agreed to sit out the meeting with Ronald Koeman's side in Leipzig.

He is now due to have his own personal protective mask built and fitted, to allow him to return to light training, to keep him as comfortable as possible and, most importantly, to protect the injured area when he returns.

That is likely to depend on both what happens with the swelling around his nose and under his eyes, and Friday's result against the Oranje, who kicked off their tournament with a 2-1 win over Poland.

If France take victory and effectively ensure top spot in the group, Mbappe is unlikely to be risked in the final group game.

Deschamps, a pragmatist by nature, wants to take no chances with his star man, and ensure that when the knockout stages roll around, he's ready, willing and able.



PAIN GAME Mbappe may not be seen until the last 16 begins

MART SHOWS SLO MUCH SPIRIT

MARTIN DUBRAVKA believes Slovakia beat a team of individuals in their surprise win over Belgium on Monday.

The Newcastle United keeper – who is wanted by Celtic – withstood a barrage of Belgium shots en route to a 1-0 victory at Euro 2024.

And it came as no shock to Dubravka that team spirit won the day in Frankfurt. "It is a big surprise probably for so many people in the world, but I said before the game that team spirit will always beat individuals. We have a better team. They have great individuals."

Belgium were widely expected to sweep aside Monday's opponents, who are 45 places below them in FIFA's world rankings.

But Ivan Schranz's early strike, after capitalising on a loose pass from Jeremy Doku, proved decisive.

And two Romelu Lukaku goals were disallowed in the second half to compound Belgium's misery.

With three points on the board and their toughest Group E game out of the way, Slovakia are revved up heading into clashes with Ukraine and Romania.

"This is just the start," added Dubravka. "It shows that the group is very tight. Anyone can beat anyone. We just try to do our best, get some points and hopefully get through.

"We are the outsiders of the tournament. That's what everyone said, they put us in that situation.

"It's OK. If you want to put it in this way, fine. But we have confidence and this will give us even more."

THIS WON'T BE A KROOS LIKE IT WAS V SCOTS

KROOS CONTROL Nagelsmann expects star man Toni to be closely marked

Germany gaffer Julian reckons star man Toni's time of free rein is over

GERMANY v HUNGARY
TODAY, 5PM, STUTTGART, BBC ONE

BY **MICHAEL GANNON**

JULIAN NAGELSMANN reckons Hungary will not make the same mistake as Scotland did by taking their eye off star man Toni Kroos.

The Real Madrid legend ran riot against Steve Clarke's men in Friday's 5-1 thumping and is set for a leading role again tonight against the Magyars.

Germany boss Nagelsmann believes Hungary are on a par with the Scots and will be sticking to the same starting line-up – with Kroos the main man.

He said: "Kroos is still one of the top three players in the world who can find players in between the lines of the opponents, in better positions and offensive positions, to create chances and goals. And he will do it on Wednesday as well.

"Hungary will have a plan to defend him a little bit more than the Scottish team.

"But Toni is clever enough and smart enough to find solutions.

"If you had to compare the two opponents, I don't think the Scottish national team would be much weaker than the Hungarian one. As I said before the tournament, the point is not to win with a flurry of goals but to collect the three points."

If it ain't broke, there's no need to fix it.

Sure enough, the gaffer liked what he saw against Scotland and wants more of the same.

His side came into their own Euros with supporters still needing to be won over.

But last week's thumping of Clarke's side has got the nation believing and Nagelsmann is hell-bent on maintaining the momentum to seal a spot in the knockout stages without any unnecessary fuss.

There's no messing from the manager and he reckons the heat is all on Hungary following their defeat to Switzerland.

Nagelsmann added: "The Hungarians have a bit more pressure than us because of the result, so maybe they have to play a little more on the offense because otherwise they could be eliminated from the tournament already.

"They'll play a little bit more offensive than they played against Switzerland and we will play more or less the same as we played against Scotland."

Nagelsmann knows Hungary got the better of Germany in the Nations League in recent times and are not much fun to face.

He said: "Hungary are an unpleasant opponent. They can sometimes be wild and they are difficult to get a hold of. There are a lot of free spirits out there. I hope I have prepared the team well, if only because I feel the team are on the way up.

"We have analysed the Hungarian national team, we know how they play football when they have the ball and what their tactics are when the opponent has it.

"I also saw the weak points of the Hungarian national team but I don't want to talk about that publicly now.

"For sure, we would be making a mistake if we weren't fired up enough for this game."

WARNING Hungary attacker Adam

Hungary are up against it after the Swiss defeat but are undefeated against Germany in their last three meetings – with two draws and a 1-0 win in Leipzig last time out.

Magyars attacker Martin Adam, who plays his club football in South Korea, said: "We beat them in Germany in 2022, so I'm sure it will be extra motivation for them.

"They'll be thinking: 'Not again'. But it's clear from the first game that this Germany side are a completely different proposition to what they were back then or even last year."

And Stuttgart defender Maximilian Mittelstadt insists the Nations League clashes are ancient history as Germany look to pick up where they left off against Scotland.

He said: "I saw the previous Hungary matches but they no longer have much impact on this match.

"Against Scotland, we showed what kind of football we are capable of and we have to continue that on Wednesday.

"We know what we can expect from Hungary, which is why we have to give 100 per cent."

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Mr Fixit

Scots can win tonight – on cards

IT'S fitting Scotland are in Cologne tonight as they bid to banish the stink created by their honking display in Munich last Friday.

The Tartan Army turned up for a party but the 5-1 loss to Germany was the equivalent of the school bully turning up unannounced with three bottles of Buckfast for his carry-oot.

That hammering has cast a dark cloud and the bookies don't fancy our chances of banishing the gloom against Switzerland.

McBookie make the Swiss 5/6 favourites with Scotland at 16/5 and the draw 5/2.

Standard procedure for Scotland is to lose the first game at a finals, do all right in the second, then find a way to break our hearts in the final group fixture.

That could make the stalemate appealing but it's probably safer going for cards as Steve Clarke's players will be fired up.

Backing Scotland for most cards pays 11/10 at bet365 while John McGinn is 9/5 at McBookie to go in the book.

The Germans will be out to turn on the style again when they face Hungary.

Jamal Musiala was the star of the show in the opener and could get some joy against a defence that conceded three against the Swiss. He is 3/1 at bet365 for an assist.

The other game sees Croatia take on Albania, with both teams looking to bounce back from defeats.

We should see goals and backing BTTS pays 11/10 with McBookie.

Super singles
Scotland most cards 11/10 (bet365), Musiala assist (3/1, bet365).



UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS

GROUP A
GERMANY · HUNGARY · SCOTLAND · SWITZERLAND

GERMANY ... 5
Wirtz 20, Musiala 19, Havertz 45+1 pen, Fulljrug 68, Can 90+3
SCOTLAND ... 1
Rudiger 87 og

HUNGARY ... 1
Varga 66
SWITZERLAND ... 3
Duah 12, Aebischer 45, Embolo 90+3

GERMANY ...
HUNGARY ...
Stuttgart Arena
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ...
SWITZERLAND ...
Cologne Stadium
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SWITZERLAND ...
GERMANY ...
Frankfurt Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ...
HUNGARY ...
Stuttgart Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP B
SPAIN · ITALY · CROATIA · ALBANIA

SPAIN ... 3
Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2
CROATIA ... 0

ITALY ... 2
Bastoni 11, Barella 16
ALBANIA ... 1
Bajrami 1

CROATIA ...
ALBANIA ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
TOMORROW, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

SPAIN ...
ITALY ...
Arena AufSchalke
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

CROATIA ...
ITALY ...
Leipzig Stadium
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

ALBANIA ...
SPAIN ...
Düsseldorf Arena
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GROUP C
SLOVENIA · DENMARK · SERBIA · ENGLAND

SLOVENIA ... 1
Janza 77
DENMARK ... 1
Eriksen 17

SERBIA ... 0
ENGLAND ... 1
Bellingham 13

SLOVENIA ...
SERBIA ...
Munich Football Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

DENMARK ...
ENGLAND ...
Frankfurt Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

ENGLAND ...
SLOVENIA ...
Cologne Stadium
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

DENMARK ...
SERBIA ...
Munich Football Arena
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP D
POLAND · AUSTRIA · HOLLAND · FRANCE

POLAND ... 1
Buksa 16
HOLLAND ... 2
Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83

AUSTRIA ... 0
FRANCE ... 1
Wober 38 og

POLAND ...
AUSTRIA ...
Olympiastadion Berlin
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

HOLLAND ...
FRANCE ...
Leipzig Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

HOLLAND ...
AUSTRIA ...
Olympiastadion Berlin
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

FRANCE ...
POLAND ...
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP E
BELGIUM · ROMANIA · SLOVAKIA · UKRAINE

ROMANIA ... 3
Stanciu 29, Marin 53, Dragus 57
UKRAINE ... 0

BELGIUM ... 0
SLOVAKIA ... 1
Schranz 7

SLOVAKIA ...
UKRAINE ...
Düsseldorf Arena
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM ...
ROMANIA ...
Cologne Stadium
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA ...
ROMANIA ...
Frankfurt Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

UKRAINE ...
BELGIUM ...
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

GROUP F
TURKEY · PORTUGAL · GEORGIA · CZECH REP

TURKEY ... 3
GEORGIA ... 1
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TODAY, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

PORTUGAL ... 2
CZECH REP ... 1
Leipzig Stadium
TONIGHT, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GEORGIA ...
CZECH REP ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

TURKEY ...
PORTUGAL ...
BVB Stadion Dortmund
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

CZECH REP ...
TURKEY ...
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GEORGIA ...
PORTUGAL ...
Arena AufSchalke
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GROUP A TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Germany	1	1	0	0	5	1	3
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Hungary	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Scotland	1	0	0	1	1	5	0

GROUP B TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Spain	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Croatia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP C TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Denmark	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Slovenia	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Serbia	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP D TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
France	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Poland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Austria	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

GROUP E TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Slovakia	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Belgium	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ukraine	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP F TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Turkey	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Portugal	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Czech Rep	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

ROUND OF 16

GAME 37: 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38: 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39: 1B V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40: 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41: 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42: 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43: 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44: 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45: W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)

GAME 46: W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

GAME 47: W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)

GAME 48: W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49: W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50: W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

FINAL

GAME 51: WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)





BOLOGNA BOYS COULD GIVE US A POUNDING

Crocked Scot Ferguson warns his three Serie A Swiss pals can put us through the grinder in Cologne Group A crunch

AEB'S FAB Star Michel hails his goal in opening win and has wowed pal Lewis, below

ON THE BOL Freuler and Ndoye, left, will be a threat to Scotland

BY **SCOTT BURNS**

LEWIS FERGUSON has warned one set of team-mates to keep a close eye on the other as he told Scotland to beware his Bologna pals in tonight's Cologne crunch.

Steve Clarke's side need to take something against Switzerland to keep their dream of reaching the knockout stages alive.

But crocked Ferguson knows the threats club-mates Michel Aebischer, Remo Freuler and Dan Ndoye will pose to pulling it off.

While Aebischer and Freuler offer plenty of steel and class, the raw pace of wide boy Ndoye promises to give Clarke's defence a major test.

All three played a key role as the Swiss opened Group A with a 3-1 win over Hungary four days ago.

Ferguson would have loved to have locked horns with his Bologna pals in Germany but instead has to watch on with the rest of the Tartan Army after picking up a knee injury.

The former Aberdeen star said: "They are three of my good friends and I hope they get beat!

"There was a bit of banter when the draw was made. Michel is my room-mate at Bologna. Being in their group, we spoke and joked about it.

"I then got the injury and wasn't able to be involved. But I'm hoping Scotland can go and get a result.

"They are really good players and I know them really well.

"Aebischer and Freuler were our midfield, along with myself, for most of the season. Freuler is more of your No.6.

"He sits in front of the back four and is really good on the ball. He puts himself about and reads the game brilliantly.

"Michel is a lot more attack-minded. He is good on the ball and aggressive.

"You saw his goal against Hungary and he gets himself into good areas.

"I would have loved to have played against them because I would have known their every move.

"Dan is a winger. He is really fast and sharp. He is direct and powerful.

"He always looks to take the full-back on and put balls into the box.

"For us, he plays on the right. He is probably going to be up against Andy Robertson for this one."

Ferguson hasn't given Clarke any pointers about the trio but is confident he'll come up with a plan to get back on track after the 5-1 loss to Germany.

The 24-year-old said: "I haven't spoken to the coaching staff about the Swiss boys. If I had been there, I would have been able to help them out a wee bit, in terms of what they're capable of.

"I know Scotland will have done their homework, they will know what to expect for this game.

"I watched the Germany match, it was disappointing. When you are just off it and a team like Germany are on it, the gap looks so big.

"But we can compete against the big nations. We showed that in the qualifying campaign."

Missing the Euros was a savage blow for Ferguson as he added: "I was angry with myself for getting the injury.

"I watched it back and I kept asking myself, 'Why did I take an extra touch when I could have just crossed it?'.

"I was raging at myself, even though it was a freak accident."

TWIN TWEAK TO HIT PEAK

NEIL McCANN reckons bringing Billy Gilmour and Lawrence Shankland back into the starting line-up can spark Scotland back to life against Switzerland tonight.

The Brighton midfielder and Hearts striker were on the bench at kick-off in the 5-1 gubbing by Germany.

And former Scotland winger McCann told the Scottish Football Podcast: "I'd make a change and bring Gilmour in.

"I think Scott McTominay and John McGinn will be ahead of Callum McGregor and Gilmour as a box type four behind (a striker) and I would go with Shankland. I'm still very confident in the group."